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MINUTES.

The *General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Vermont* met at the First Congregational Church in Burlington, June 20th, 1865.

The Sermon was preached by Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER, of West Brattleboro, from 1 Cor. i. 10.

The following Delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members of the Convention:

Windham Association—Rev. Messrs. ALFRED STEVENS, RUFUS EMERSON.

Bennington Association—Rev. C. H. HUBBARD.

Rutland Association—Rev. Messrs. LEWIS FRANCIS, WILLIAM S. SMART, SILAS AIKEN, D. D., HENRY F. RUSTEDT, JOHN G HALE.

Windsor Association—Rev. Messrs. NELSON BISHOP, CHARLES C. TORREY.

White River Association—Rev. Messrs. PHILETUS CLARK, JONATHAN CLEMENT, D. D.

Royalton Association—Rev. Messrs. THOMAS S. HUBBARD, JAMES C. HOUGHTON, EDWIN H. ALDEN.

Addison Association—Rev. Messrs. A. A. BAKER, WILLIAM N. BACON, GEORGE L. GLEASON, LEWIS A. AUSTIN.

Orange Association—Rev. Messrs. HORATIO N. BURTON, CHARLES DUREN.

Montpelier Association—Rev. Messrs. WILLIAM H. LORD, JOHN F. STONE, WILLIAM S. HAZEN.

Lamoille Association—Rev. Messrs. JAMES DOUGHERTY, D. D., J. G. BAILEY.

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Winooski Association—Rev. Messrs. Samuel Marsh, John D. Kingsbury, E. B. Chamberlain, Joseph Torrey, D. D., Alanson D. Barber, John K. Converse.

North-Western Association—Rev. Messrs. Amos J. Samson, Alfred B. Swift, Ebenezer H. Squier.

Caledonia Association—Rev. Messrs. Asaph Boutelle, E. C. Cummings, Joseph Torrey, Jr.

Orleans Association—Rev. Messrs. Asahel R. Gray, Samuel R. Hall, Pliny H. White, Azel W. Wild, Levi Loring.

Lancaster Association, ——— ———.

Rutland and Bennington Conference—Rev. F. Tuxbury.

Addison Conference—Rev. Harvey F. Leavitt.

Chittenden Conference—Rev. S. L. Bates, J. S. Cilley.

North-Western Consociation—Rev. A. T. Deming, Dea. Harmon Northrop, Dea. Horace Denio.

Lamoille Conference—Rev. Horace Herrick, Bro. Samuel Merriam.

Windham Conference—Rev. M. A. Gates.

Windsor Conference—Rev. Moses Kimball, Hon. Jason Steele.

Orange Conference—Rev. Pliny F. Barnard, Dea. Phineas Walker.

Washington Conference—Rev. C. M. Winch, Bro. E. Taft, Bro. J. G. Stimson, Dea. Daniel Storrs.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. William W. Thayer.

Orleans Conference—Rev. John H. Woodward, Bro. C. A. J. Marsh.

Essex and Coos Conference, ——— ———.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. B. Smith.

Vermont Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. J. A. Sherburne.

General Association of New-York—Rev. A. Bronson.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (*N. S.*)—Rev. L. Kellogg.

Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. Mr. Frink.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

Register—Rev. Aldace Walker.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. E. Irvin Carpenter.

Preacher—Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. ELDRIDGE MIX.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH.

Secretary of the Vermont Sabbath-School Society—Rev. JOHN W. CHICKERING.

The Convention was organized by the choice of the following officers:

Rev. SILAS AIKEN, D. D., of Rutland, *Moderator*.

Rev. LEWIS FRANCIS, of Castleton, *Scribe*.

Rev. HORATIO N. BURTON, of Newbury, *Assistant Scribe*.

The Moderator led the Convention in prayer.

The Register read the Rules of Convention.

It was ordered that the hours of meeting be as follows: 8½ o'clock, A. M., and 2 and 7½, P. M.; and the hours of adjournment be 12, M., and 5, P. M.

The Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2 o'clock.

The Docket of Business was read.

The following Committees were appointed:

Committee of Overtures—Rev. Messrs. Alfred Stevens, Jonathan Clement, D. D., Harvey F. Leavitt, Hon. Jason Steele, Bro. J. G. Stimson.

Committee to Nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies—Rev. Messrs. John H. Woodward, Samuel R. Hall, Dea. Phineas Walker.

Committee on Place and Preacher for the next Meeting—Rev. Messrs. William H. Lord, Moses Kimball, Bro. Samuel Merriam.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—Rev. Messrs. Eldridge Mix, John F. Stone, Dea. Harmon Northrop.

The following Committee was appointed to nominate a Register and Corresponding Secretary for the next five years: Rev. Messrs. Pliny H. White, Joseph Chandler, Dea. H. N. Saxton.

The following persons were appointed as a Committee on Credentials:

Addison Association—Rev. Harvey F. Leavitt; *Bennington Association*—Rev. James Anderson; *Caledonia Association*—Rev. Asaph Boutelle; *Lamoille Association*—Rev. Horace Herrick; *Lancaster Association*—Rev. Jeremiah Glines; *Montpelier Association*—Rev. William H. Lord; *North-Western Association*—Rev. Alfred B. Swift; *Orange Association*—Rev. Horatio N. Burton; *Orleans Association*—Rev. R. V. Hall; *Royalton Association*—Rev. Cyrus B. Drake, D. D.; *Rutland Association*—Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D.; *White River Association*—Rev. Jonathan Clement, D. D.; *Windsor Association*—Rev. Moses Kimball; *Winooski Association*—Rev. George B. Safford; *Windham Association*—Rev. Alfred Stevens.

The following Receivers were appointed:

Addison Conference—Rev. Calvin B. Hulbert; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. E. C. Cummings; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. Henry P. Hickok; *Essex and Coos Conference*—Rev. Jeremiah Glines; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. George B. Tolman; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. Lyman Bartlett; *Orange Conference*—Rev. Charles Duren; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. S. K. B. Perkins; *Rutland and Bennington Conference*—Rev. Azariah Hyde; *Washington Conference*—Rev. William R. Joslyn; *Windham Conference*—Rev. Joseph Chandler; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. E. H. Byington.

The Fairbanks Board of Education presented their Report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

The Fairbanks Education Board, in presenting to the General Convention their Ninth Annual Report, are enabled to say that all applicants for aid, during the past year, whose case comes under the rules of the Convention, have been assisted. The applications, however, have been only eight,—a less number than in any year since the first year of our organization.

The change in the state of the country,—over which we are all now rejoicing,—will undoubtedly increase the number of students in our Academies and Colleges, and of those studying for the ministry, who may need help; and the Board wish to have it understood that there are funds to meet still further applications.

The Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending May 31, 1865, stands thus:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, as reported last year	$189 06
Interest on Investments	600 00
Interest on Loans	4 68
Premium on 5-20 Coupons	15 88
	$809 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Chairman's postage for two years ending May 1st, 1864	$2 28
Paid Discount on Bank Draft	35
Paid Beneficiaries	540 00
Now in the Treasury	266 99
	$809 62

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALDACE WALKER, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM W. THAYER, *Treasurer.*

SCHEDULE OF BENEFICIARIES.

NAMES.	PLACE OF STUDY.	AGE.	AM'T RECEIVED.
M. O. HARRINGTON	Peacham Academy	20	$60 00
WEBSTER PATTERSON	Dartmouth College	23	60 00
A. W. CLARK	Vermont University	23	80 00
CHARLES A. WHITE	Monson (Mass.) Academy	22	80 00
D. D. MARSH	Dartmouth College	22	80 00
EZRA BRAINARD	Middlebury College	19	20 00
WILLIAM A. ROBINSON	Bangor Theological Seminary	25	80 00
MERRITT B. PAGE	Chicago Theological Seminary	23	80 00
			$540 00

The Fairbanks Board of Education was constituted for the coming year as follows: Rev. Messrs. Aldace Walker, Cyrus B. Drake, D. D., William W. Thayer, Henry P. Hickok, Roswell Farnham, Esq. *Auditor*—Rev. Nelson Bishop.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. William H. Lord:

Resolved, That a special Committee of five be appointed to digest and propose to the Convention, during its present session, such a plan for the conduct and business of the Convention, in its future sessions, as will exclude the Anniversaries of the various Religious Societies, except that of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and all needless business, and furnish topics of discussion to the Convention, more vitally affecting the religious condition and welfare of the State.

The Committee was appointed of the following persons: Rev. Messrs. William H. Lord, E. Irvin Carpenter, Eldridge Mix, John G. Hale, Bro. J. G. Stimson.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood, Agent of the American Tract Society of New-York, addressed Convention.

The Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers reported, which report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

To the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Vermont:

The Trustees of the Fairbanks Fund for the Relief of Ministers present the following Report of the Treasurer, showing the receipts and payments made by our order, and the balance remaining in his hands at date:

Fairbanks Fund in account with J. G. STIMSON, Treasurer:

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October 20, 1864.	By Cash of L. Hutchins		$680 26
Decem'r 1, 1864.	By Interest on Vermont State Bonds, ($1,500)		45 00
January 8, 1865.	By Interest on P. V. Manuel's Note		150 00
June 1, 1865.	By Interest on Vermont State Bonds, ($2,000)		60 00
June 20, 1865.	By Interest on small Loans		10 38
			$945 64

Dr.

October 19, 1864.	To paid expenses to Annual Meeting of Messrs. Walker, Leavitt and Steele	$10 50	
October 22, 1864.	To paid appropriation to Rev. S. Marsh	50 00	
October 22, 1864.	" " Rev. S. Williams	150 00	
October 24, 1864.	" " Rev. O. S. Hoyt	100 00	
October 24, 1864.	" " Rev. A. Royce	50 00	
October 26, 1864.	" " Rev. S. Morgan	100 00	
Novem. 14, 1864.	" " Rev. A. G. Pease	50 00	
Novem. 14, 1864.	" " Rev. J. C. Wilder	50 00	
Novem. 15, 1864.	" " Rev. J. Gleed	50 00	
January 8, 1865.	Paid Interest on $500 State Bonds from Dec. 1	3 17	
	Revenue and Postage Stamps	50	
			614 17
	Balance in Treasury		$331 47

To the above balance is to be added the interest on the following notes:

From June 26, 1864.	S. R. Hase	$2,000 00
From Jan. 8, 1864.	P. V. Manuel	1,100 00
From Jan. 27, 1864.	Perry Gillett	2,000 00
From June 1, 1865.	Vermont State Bonds	2,000 00
From Sept. 23, 1864.	Samuel Ridley	2,900 00
	Total	$10,000 00

H. F. LEAVITT, *Secretary.* J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above Report of the Treasurer, of the receipts and disbursements, and find the same correct, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers, and find a balance of $331.47 to credit new account.

BURLINGTON, June 20, 1865. NATHAN S. HILL, *Auditor.*

The Board for the Relief of Ministers was constituted as follows: Rev. Charles Walker, D. D., Rev. Harvey F. Leavitt, Hon. Thaddeus Fairbanks, Hon. Jason Steele, J. G. Stimson, Esq.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to make arragements with other Committees for the National Council, reported.

The following Committees were appointed:

Committee to Distribute Documents—Rev. Messrs. Horace Herrick, Lewis A. Austin, Bro. J. S. Cilley.

Committee on Assessments—Rev. Messrs. Asaph Boutelle, Philetus Clark, Ebenezer H. Squier.

Committee on Abatements—Rev. Messrs. E. B. Chamberlain, Azel W. Wild, James C. Houghton.

Committee to Publish Minutes—Rev. Messrs. Ezra H. Byington, Lewis Francis, Horatio N. Burton.

Voted, That a tax of $300.00 be assessed on the Conferences to pay for the publishing of the Minutes of the Convention.

Voted, That three thousand copies of the Minutes be published.

The following persons were appointed the Committee to consult with the Editor of the *Chronicle*:—Rev. George P. Tyler, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., Rev. Azariah Hyde, Rev. William H. Lord, Rev. James T. Hyde.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Religious services were held under the direction of the Convention.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 21.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Moses Kimball.

Minutes read and approved.

Bro. E. Taft and Rev. Nelson Bishop were excused from further attendance.

Rev. Alanson D. Barber was excused from attendance on the afternoon session.

Rev. B. Smith, Delegate from the General Association of New Hampshire, presented the Christian salutations of that body.

The Moderator responded.

At 9 o'clock the Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was attended.

In the afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Jonathan Clement, D. D., and Rev. A. A. Baker.

The Convention being called to order, the Committee on Assessments reported as follows:

Addison Conference	$31 36
Caledonia Conference	28 60
Chittenden Conference	23 43
Essex and Coos Conference	3 00
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	19 00
Lamoille Conference	7 19
Orange Conference	29 66
Orleans Conference	16 77
Rutland and Bennington Conference	47 37
Washington Conference	21 98
Windham Conference	32 91
Windsor Conference	39 00
Total	$300 27

Rev. Henry F. Rustedt and Rev. Amos J. Samson were excused.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Register and a Corresponding Secretary, reported, nominating Rev. Aldace Walker for Register, and Rev. Ezra H. Byington for Corresponding Secretary.

The report was accepted, and the gentlemen elected to those offices.

The Committee of Overtures recommended that Rev. Dr. Child, of the Boston Tract Society, be allowed ten minutes to speak of the work of that Society.

It was granted and improved.

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire whether any expression by this body is demanded in regard to the existing laws of this State upon the matter of Divorce.

Voted, To raise the Committee, and the following persons were appointed:—Rev. Pliny H. White, Rev. Lewis A. Austin, Hon. Jason Steele.

The Committee of Overtures then presented the following resolutions on Temperance:

1. *Resolved*, We deprecate the wide-spread and, we fear, the increasing evils of intemperance in our State.

2. *Resolved*, While we regard the Christian Church as foremost in the Temperance as well as in all real reforms, we fear that our ministers and lay members are not as fully awake to their responsibility, and to the vast power which they hold for promoting this reform, as they should be.

3. *Resolved*, We have confidence in the prohibitory law of this State, as a means which might be rendered thoroughly efficient in suppressing the common traffic, where other means fail. But we deeply regret that the friends of Temperance should have so far forgotten the use of moral influence in this work, as, in some instances, to trust entirely to legal restraints, and have seemed to regard the law as a self-operating power, until both legal and moral forces are so generally failing to remove the great evil.

4. *Resolved*, We earnestly recommend an increasing diligence on the part of all our churches, in this great work, in the formation and sustaining of Temperance Societies, with Temperance Lectures, Publications, &c.; to secure our young men, and our returning soldiers who have so nobly fought for our country, from the temptations from this source, and to encourage them to fight as bravely against the common foe.

5. *Resolved*, We deem the Vermont State Temperance Society, and all auxiliary Societies, well worthy of cordial support and encouragement, and recommend the persevering use of all moral and proper legal means for the accomplishment of this great work.

The Committee on modifying the Order of Exercises of this Convention, reported as follows:

1. That the Convention appoint annually, at the beginning of its session, or as soon thereafter as may be, a Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to make arrangements for the next succeeding Convention, and report such arrangements during the session.

2. This Committee shall designate two topics of religious doctrines or practice for the consideration of the Convention, and shall nominate two persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty. These topics shall be presented to the Convention after the business hour of Tuesday afternoon, and in the first evening's session. The discussions shall be interspersed with devotional exercises.

3. This Committee shall also designate two subjects respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprise, and shall nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed thirty minutes, on each of such topics, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Convention. These essays shall be read, one on Wednesday evening, and the other Thursday afternoon, and shall be printed with the Minutes of the Convention.

4. The Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society shall be held on Wednesday morning, at 9½ o'clock, and the Report of the Secretary of the Convention shall be read on Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock; after which the matter presented in it shall be open to remark until the close of the session.

5. The business of the Convention shall occupy only the first hour of each session. The rest of the time shall be devoted exclusively to the foregoing discussions, essays, anniversary and report.

6. The Receivers of the Conferences and the Committee on Credentials shall be appointed for a term of five years.

7. The Committee shall designate Preacher and Place for the next year.

The Report was accepted and adopted. The Committee contemplated in the Report was raised as follows:—Rev. William H Lord, Rev. E. Irvin Carpenter, Bro. J. G. Stimson.

In the evening, the Anniversary of the Education Society was attended.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 22.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Samuel R. Hall.

Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Laws relating to Divorce reported the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature of this State, asking them to change the existing statute on Divorce, so that it shall accord with the Scriptural law on this subject.

2. *Resolved*, That a sufficient number of copies of this Memorial be printed to be circulated throughout the State for signatures.

3. *Resolved*, That we earnestly urge the Ministers of our churches to see that this Memorial is diligently circulated, and that they endeavor in all other proper ways to promote correct public sentiment upon the Scriptural view of Divorce.

The resolutions were adopted, and the Committee formed as follows:—Rev. Pliny H. White, Rev. Lewis A. Austin, Hon. Jason Steele.

Voted, That the Register be relieved from copying the record of the Convention, and that the Minutes, as printed, be regarded as sufficient.

Leave of absence was granted to all who feel it necessary to leave, after 12 o'clock.

The Committee of Overtures introduced the following resolutions on the state of the country, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention join in the universal joy at the return of Peace to our country, and in the attainment of the end for which the war for the maintenance of the Government has been carried on.

Resolved, That we cherish entire confidence in the administration of President JOHNSON, called through a mournful providence to the Chair of State, and to the discharge of duties of the utmost difficulty and importance, and that we will not cease to pray that wisdom from on high may be given him, to fulfil the great mission which is committed to him in this eventful time of our country's history.

Voted, That a copy of the same, certified by the Moderator and Scribe, be transmitted to Hon. ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States.

The Treasurer of Convention reported, which report was adopted; the following Conferences being delinquent: Chittenden, $23.43; Essex and Coos, $3.60; Orleans, $3.77; total, $30.80.

The following resolution was then introduced and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the families of this city for their generous hospitality to those attending its sessions; to the choir for its acceptable services in our public exercises; to the ladies for the tasteful decoration of the house; and to the railroad companies that have reduced their fare in favor of those in attendance.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

General Conference of Maine—Rev. Lewis A. Austin, primary; Rev. Harvey F. Leavitt, substitute.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. E. C. Cummings, primary; Rev. Joseph Torrey, Jr., substitute.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. E. J. Comings, primary; Rev. J. Q. Bittinger, substitute.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Levi Loring, primary; Rev. Azel W. Wild, substitute.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., primary; Rev. John G. Hale, substitute.

General Association of New-York—Rev. M. A. Gates, primary; Rev. Rufus Emerson, substitute.

General Conference of Ohio—Rev. Rufus S. Cushman, primary; Rev. C. H. Hubbard, substitute.

General Association of Illinois and General Association of Indiana—Rev. Edwin Wheelock, primary; Rev. Lyman Bartlett, substitute.

General Association of Michigan—Rev. William R. Joslyn, primary; Rev. William S. Hazen, substitute.

General Association of Iowa and General Association of Kansas—Rev. Solon Martin, primary; Rev. Horatio N. Burton, substitute.

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin and Oregon Association—Rev. James C. Houghton, primary; Rev. Thomas S. Hubbard, substitute.

General Association of California—Rev. George B. Safford, primary; Rev. Eldridge Mix, substitute.

Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. Moses Kimball, primary; Rev. Nelson Bishop, substitute.

Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. Clark E. Ferrin, primary; Rev. E. B. Chamberlain, substitute.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—Rev. Benjamin F. Ray, primary; Rev. Ezra H. Byington, substitute.

Vermont Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Jeremiah Glines, primary.

The Reporter for Winooski Association resigned, and Rev. S. L. Bates was appointed.

The Reporter for Caledonia Association resigned, and Rev. Joseph Torrey, Jr., was appointed.

The report of the Committee on Order of Exercises for next year was adopted, which was as follows:

Place of meeting—Windsor. Preacher—Rev. Chauncey H. Hubbard. Rev. E. C. Cummings, substitute.

First Discussion—Doctrinal Standards of Church-Membership. Primaries—Rev. J. Q. Bittinger, Rev. Calvin B. Hulbert. Substitutes—Rev. Norman Seaver, Rev. John G. Hale.

Second Discussion—The Belief in the Trinity necessary to Christian Character, Comfort and Life. Primaries—Rev. George P. Tyler, D. D., Rev. Horatio N. Burton. Substitutes—Rev. James T. Ford, Rev. C. M. Winch.

First Essay—The Duties of the Churches in respect to Infant Baptism. Primary—Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D. Substitute—Rev. Eldridge Mix.

Second Essay—The Ecclesiastical History of Vermont. Primary—Rev. Pliny H. White. Substitute—Rev. Joseph Torrey, Jr.

Resolved, That the persons performing the foregoing parts shall be members of the Convention.

The Convention then listened to the Letters and Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

Letters from Rhode Island, Maine and Illinois were read by the Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. J. A. Sherburne, from the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. A. Bronson, from the General Association of New-York, and Rev. L. Kellogg, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.), and Rev. Mr. Frink, in behalf of the Congregational Union of Canada, presented the salutations of these bodies.

The Moderator replied to these brethren.

The Corresponding Secretary presented his Report, which, after remarks from Rev. Messrs. Walker, Cummings and Burton, was adopted.

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution:

Resolved, In response to the communication received from Dr. Chickering, of Boston, that we heartily sympathize with the proposed gathering of Temperance organizations and Christian churches, at Saratoga, in August next and recommend to our churches to send delegates so far as it may be practicable.

Adopted.

Minutes read and approved.

After prayer by Rev. John K. Converse, the Convention adjourned.

SILAS AIKEN, *Moderator.*

LEWIS FRANCIS, *Scribe.*

HORATIO N. BURTON, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

We now complete another year of peace and uninterrupted labor in our chosen field. There have been fearful and wide-wasting commotions in distant sections of the land,—the tramp of mustered hosts, with the confused noise of battle, and garments rolled in blood,—but the interruption and ruin have not come nigh our own beloved Zion. We have felt a deep interest in the events that have transpired, and, at times, been greatly excited thereby; but there have been "none to molest or make us afraid" in our labor. We have been permitted freely to sow the good seed of the Word, morning and evening,—to spend our strength, without opposition or reserve, in the cultivation of our vineyard. In such a year, how much there is of blessing and privilege! How large the opportunity, and how wide and free the scope for achievement! How profound the gratitude due to our God and Saviour for the mercy shown us! And what now has been accomplished? Have we labored with a fidelity and success corresponding to the door open before us? What are the sheaves we bring with us, as we gather here from our various localities of labor? If the harvest is abundant and satisfactory, we need the encouragement; if it is meagre and insufficient, we need the rebuke. To collect the scattered items, and sum up the results, whatever they may be, will afford matter for thought and render valuable service.

REPORTS OF CHURCHES.

I took the liberty, this year, of appending to the blanks of Convention a few additional questions, not with the view of making it a permanent arrangement, but for the purpose of gathering certain statistics, which I thought might have an occasional interest, and I desire to thank brethren and churches for their quite general response.

From eighteen churches no report whatever has been received,—not, however, through the fault of the associational reporters. In a number

of instances it appears to be that of pastors and supplies; in other cases the blame rests, doubtless, with the clerks or other members of the churches.

Of the one hundred and seventy-five churches which have reported, concerning one hundred and eight nothing has been communicated but bare statistics; so that the state and progress of the churches must be gathered from the brief remarks of the remaining sixty-seven.

AMOUNT OF MINISTERIAL LABOR.

One hundred and twenty-four of the one hundred and sixty-one churches which have answered the question, "How much of the year have you had preaching?" have enjoyed ministerial labor all the time, vacations, occasional sickness, and service under the Christian Commission excepted; sixteen one-half of the time, and the remaining, from a few Sabbaths to nearly the whole year. Some ten or twelve of those which have said nothing on this point, are known to have had ministerial service the whole year, and others have doubtless enjoyed such service a larger or smaller portion of the time. The number which have had no preaching at all is quite small, and might have been smaller still "if they would be satisfied with anything else than the smartest young man in the last year's graduates."

REVIVAL INTEREST.

Special religious interest is reported by fifteen churches. One of these churches is Bakersfield, where five have been received into church fellowship, and others are soon to be, as the fruit of unusual religious attention. There was a work of grace in progress in Underhill at the close of last year, and this work continued some time thereafter, resulting ultimately in twenty-five or thirty conversions, thirteen of whom have already enrolled their names among the professed people of God. Increased attention prevailed, also, among the young people of Williston during the winter, and some twenty met with a change of heart. As, however, the larger half of these persons were members of the Academy from other towns, the accessions to the church were limited, though the influence, on the younger members of it particularly, was highly salutary. "In New Haven there was a revival of great extent and power from December to April, beginning with an uncommon prayerfulness, characterized by deep conviction and earnest inquiry, reaching all classes, and resulting in some remarkable conversions," all numbering "not less than fifty." The report from Rutland Association speaks of "more than usual religious interest in Benson, Castleton, Pittsford and Wallingford." The attention which existed in Benson at the close of "last year continued through the summer, and has resulted

in the addition of twenty-eight persons to the church." In Castleton the interest "commenced in an out-district and extended to the village," where daily prayer-meetings were held for five or six weeks, and were "blessed to the conversion of many of the young," of whom "nineteen have been added to the church, and others will join soon." Of Pittsford it is simply said that the interest "resulted in the hopeful conversion of a considerable number." Concerning Wallingford the language is: "There has been a somewhat increased attendance upon our meetings for the last year, and for the last five or six months a marked interest. I have never attended any meetings where there were more evident tokens of the Spirit's presence than in some of ours, and these indications still continue." Manchester is another place where there "has been more than usual religious interest, quickening the hearts of many in the church, resulting in several new family altars, and in the hopeful conversion of a goodly number in the Sunday-School and others." Weathersfield East has also been blessed in some special degree, where an interest, commencing in a class of young men in the Sunday-School, taught by Rev. S. S. ARNOLD, an aged clergyman resident in the place, became a quiet work, resulting in the conversion of some twenty or thirty members of the school. Hartford West says: "Some six or seven persons have given evidence of a renewed heart, all members of the Sunday-School, and five have been received to the church." During the first part of the year, there was "a deep religious feeling among the people" in Windsor, and ten have been received to the church as the fruit; and "during the whole year there have been and still are a few inquirers." In Greensboro, likewise, "considerable religious interest" prevailed "during the first part of the winter, chiefly among the members of the Sunday-School, and several hopeful conversions occurred." In the adjoining town of Craftsbury ten persons entered into covenant with the professed people of God on the first Sabbath in May, as the fruit of some special attention to the things of the soul. And the same number have been gathered into the Christian fold in Braintree, and others remain to follow their steps, as the fruits of a gentle refreshing from the Divine presence. Mr. BASS, a lay missionary, from Boston, rendered important service in connection with this interest. And the fact that the report of the Windsor Conference of Churches, in the *Vermont Chronicle* of June 17th, names two churches, —Quechee and Springfield,—which have reported to the Convention nothing of such a character, as having enjoyed more than usual attention, indicates that some special interest has prevailed in other places than those now spoken of.

The exact number of conversions in the reported instances of special religious attention, is not given; but between three and four hundred,

probably, have passed from death to life as the result, and other instances of conversion, scattered through the State, will swell that number to between five and six hundred,—a number far too small to satisfy the desires of the Christian heart, and cause the one hundred and fifty-six pastors and stated supplies, and other occasional laborers in our vineyard, to feel that great things have been wrought in this regard through their instrumentality; but still larger than many probably expected would be reported, and large enough to awaken a song of gladness in the heart, for "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God when one sinner repenteth."

OTHER ITEMS.

In addition to this interest of a revival character, such other favorable items as these have been reported:

Prayer-meetings well attended and some interest awakened in Franklin; increased average attendance on public worship in Bakersfield, and an improved and more productive system for the support of the gospel. The report from Addison Association contains this general statement: "Most of our churches have had an encouraging year; certainly we have had much less to discourage us than in some former years." General outward prosperity seems, also, to have been enjoyed in Rutland Association, with some marked interest and encouraging prospects in Middletown, and a good degree of appreciation of the labors of pastors and their need, shown in several increased salaries and donations in other cases,—a remark applicable, probably, to the churches of the State generally. The churches of Bennington Association are walking in harmony with themselves and each other; Marlboro is gaining ground, and so is Wilmington, where a young man has been ordained since the close of the year, with the view of remaining there for the present; three or four cases of hopeful conversion, three candidates for church-membership and earnest inquirers after the truth, with increased attendance on Sabbath services in Windham; a little interest in one district in Grafton, with three or four conversions, a few still interested, eight accessions to the church, increased attendance on the services of the sanctuary, and marked increase in benevolent contributions for two or three of the last years. The churches in Windsor Association are usually quiet and united, and in Chester there have been seasons of considerable apparent interest, at different times, with one case of conversion. The report from White River Association says, in the way of review: "There seems to be some progress, ministers are active and scatter the seed of the Word faithfully; three hopeful conversions in Pomfret, and several deeply serious; the church in Quechee has recently obtained a minister; one or two conversions in Straf-

ford, and a minister settled." There is a slow but perceptible growth in Waitsfield, members of other churches long resident there have become connected with the church, some have just tasted and seen that the Lord is good, and all meetings are better attended; a few cases of interest and hope in Williamstown, and six additions to the church; the little church in Worcester has just obtained a permanent supply all the time; individual cases of interest in Plainfield; several additions in Roxbury, and a pastor settled for the first time in its history; thoughtful seriousness in Cambridge among the young, meetings for religious inquiry well attended, and four or five hopeful conversions; prayer-meetings well sustained in Hydepark and North Hydepark; cause of truth and morals on the increase in Johnson, and union prayer-meeting of all the churches does much "to abash partisanism"; five or six conversions in Stowe, with an increase of Sabbath congregations; good degree of attention to the preached word, and several cases of conviction and conversion in Newbury; more regular attendance on Sabbath worship, and more and cheerful liberality in benevolent contributions in Vershire; the church in Guildhall, long without a pastor or stated supply, now enjoys the labors of an active and efficient student from Andover, hopes to obtain a pastor in a few months, manifests a degree of religious interest unknown for many years, and reports some conversions; prospects better in Brownington than last year, and two or three conversions.

This fair side, however, has its opposite. Intermingled with the brighter colors are such darker ones as these. Ability to support the gospel in Ripton seriously impaired by removal of some of the best families, and heavy loss by fire in the case of two prominent members; Guilford greatly reduced in numbers, and does not seem likely long to survive; and the same is true of Halifax, whose last members are moving away, and the few left attend the Baptist meeting; Jamaica, suffering greatly from want of a minister; he who has been preaching in Londonderry has disappeared in a cloud of infamy, and the church is suffering in consequence of his sins; the tone of the report from Saxton's River is quite desponding, and the fear is expressed that they must go down; the church in Strafford is spoken of as spiritually and financially weak, though, as already stated, there is the good thing of a recently settled minister; social meetings need reviving in Barre; troublesome divisions in Berlin; great neglect of public worship on the part of many of the people in Barnet; less interest in the church in Granby, though owing, it is hoped, to the absence of some of the young men in the army.

These items now reported are to be considered probably as descriptive of the condition of many churches concerning which nothing has been communicated. It is hardly to be supposed that all has been stated which is favorable or otherwise. It is pleasant to learn, how-

ever, that the preponderance is so largely on the side of order and prosperity.

PLACES WHERE NO CHURCHES EXIST.

In five places,—Orange, East and West Topsham, West Newbury and Andover,—where no churches of our order exist, more or less has been done in behalf of the Christian cause. No reports have been made concerning these fields, but we have the Divine assurance that bread cast upon the waters shall be found again at an earlier or later day.

NEW CHURCHES.

During the year one new church has been formed in West Berlin,—a place nearly midway between Northfield and Montpelier. It is not expected that a large and self-supporting congregation will be gathered there for the present, but circumstances, in the judgment of neighboring ministers and laymen, have rendered the formation of the church desirable.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Pastors have been dismissed from the churches in Vergennes, Pittsford, Tinmouth, Bellows Falls, and Barton; settled over St. Albans 1st, Shoreham, Castleton, Chester, Strafford, St. Johnsbury 3d, Irasburgh, Vergennes, Westminster East, Northfield, Roxbury, and Greensboro; and the last five received ordination in connection with installation.

Since the last meeting of the Convention the following ministers have closed their labors in the flesh, and gone to their reward on high.

Rev. CAREY RUSSELL was born in Chester, N. H., in October, 1802; was deeply impressed with a sense of sin at the age of seven years; found a reliable hope when sixteen; fitted himself for college at nineteen, with a view to the ministry, but abandoning his purpose for want of means to prosecute his studies, finally studied for the ministry under the direction of Rev. JOHN WOODS, of Newport, N. H. His first call was from the church in Hartford, known by the name of Dotham. He next preached as supply for the church in Worcester, then one year in Wolcott, then four years in Bradford, N. H., then one year in Littleton in the same State, when, in consequence of enfeebled health, he purchased a home in Norwich, where he died the 17th of last August, aged 62 years. Brother RUSSELL is described as a man of great earnestness and fidelity, and quite successful as a minister.

Rev. ANDREW ROYCE was born in Marlow, N. H., in June, 1805, but spent his childhood and youth in Barre and Sharon in this State. A few years after he had reached his majority, he commenced the study of the law, practised some four years in that profession, when, on being led to a saving embrace of Christ, under the preaching of Rev. SHER-

MAN KELLOGG, he left the bar, and after a brief study of theology, was licensed to preach the gospel by the Royalton Association in 1834. Invited to Williamstown a few months after, he received ordination there as an evangelist, and labored between four and five years as supply. From here he went to Barre, was installed as pastor of the church there in March, 1840, and held that office sixteen years, and there performed his life-work,—a work blessed to the conversion of many souls. Taking a dismission in 1856, he spent six years as occasional supply, agent of the Vermont Bible Society, and agent of the University of the State. In 1862 he moved to Greensboro, where, after two years of labor as supply for that church, he was laid aside from pulpit service by a second stroke of paralysis. Removing to Waterbury soon after, he died the 15th day of last October. Brother ROYCE was a vigorous thinker and writer, and an earnest and effective preacher.

Rev. JACOB N. LOOMIS was born in Lanesboro, Mass., in October, 1790; was graduated at Middlebury in 1817, at Andover three years after, and was settled over the church in Hardwick in January, 1822. Compelled by failing health to take a dismission in 1830, he preached as supply for the church in Plainfield, N. H., two years, then two years for the church in Greensboro, then one year for the church in Hardwick, when he retired from the ministry, and spent the remainder of his days as a farmer, removing to Craftsbury a few years before his death, which took place on the 4th of last December. Brother LOOMIS possessed a strong and decided mind, and his pulpit and parish labors were useful and acceptable.

Rev. GEORGE W. RANSLOW was born in Charlotte, in September, 1800; became a Christian disciple in his twentieth year; soon commenced his studies with reference to the ministry, at Middlebury, finished them at Bangor, Me., and was ordained pastor of the church in Cambridge in February, 1829. After four years of labor in this field, during which there was a revival of great power, he was dismissed, and settled over a new church in Georgia, where he spent twenty years of fruitful service. In the beginning of the year 1855 he became supply for the church in Milton, and was just closing his tenth year in that capacity when he died, the 7th of last April. Brother RANSLOW was widely and favorably known, was strong and judicious as a man, argumentative and instructive as a preacher.

Rev. GEORGE H. CLARK was born in Georgia, May, 1835; graduated at the University of the State in 1856; studied law one year, when, on becoming the subject of renewing grace, he changed his plan of life, went to Andover, became interested in missions; but, compelled by uncertain health to give up his purpose of preaching to the heathen, was ordained pastor of the first church in St. Johnsbury, in January,

1862, where, after a little more than two years of labor, he was attacked with hemorrhage, lingered a few months, and went to his rest on the 25th of April. Brother CLARK was a faithful and successful pastor, and beloved by his people.

Two more of our ministerial brethren, it may be proper to add, are kept from the labor they love and have most acceptably prosecuted, by continued ill-health,—Brothers DRAKE of Royalton, and PAYNE of Montgomery.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

So far as Sunday-Schools are named in the reports, they are uniformly spoken of in favorable terms. That in Glover is increasing; prosperous in Vershire, in the warm season; increasing in number of pupils in Hydepark and North Hydepark; continually growing in favor in Johnson, all the teachers being religious; larger than formerly in Northfield; more interesting than usual in Waterbury; better attended than last year in Williamstown; improved in White River Association; one newly formed in Marlboro, numbering seventy; thirty-two more than there were a year ago in Bakersfield. And it will be remembered that the revival interest, already described, was confined wholly to the Sunday-School in some instances, and that it prevailed largely in these organizations in others. The whole number of schools spoken of, however, is quite small, so that, if those named are the only ones in which there has been an increase of interest, the advance made through the State is limited; and the number of scholars returned will, perhaps, confirm this fact.

MEETING-HOUSES.

Five churches report no house of worship completed. Burlington 3d and Milton are building; the 2d church in Bennington have lost theirs by fire; Bridgewater and North Hero have none. The condition of those reported varies from wretched to perfect, though the number in the first condition is quite small, that of the much larger half being fair, good, and fine. A new house has been erected at North Troy; the repairs in progress on that at Hinesburg, at the close of last year, have been completed; that in Stowe has been enlarged; an organ costing fifteen hundred dollars has been put into that in Orwell; and a Cabinet Organ into those in Pomfret; that in Bennington 1st is now under repairs, at a cost of some six thousand dollars; Tunbridge and Westminster East speak of having made arrangements to repair; and Fayetteville and Windham are intending to do so soon; East Berkshire is now building a parsonage.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Eighteen of the one hundred and seventy-six churches making returns report no contributions, against thirty-nine last year,—a gratifying increase. As, however, seventeen this year, against eight last year, have made no report whatever, the whole number to which nothing is credited is thirty-five this year, against forty-seven last year. It is not to be certainly supposed, either, that those which have not reported at all, or those which have reported nothing in the column of benevolence, have given nothing. This may have been the case in some instances; in others, probably, it is not. And yet all are at fault; no church should fail to do something, for such failure is quite fundamental; and then what is done should be communicated, otherwise the aim of the Convention, in this regard, will be defeated in proportion to the extent of failure.

TEMPERANCE.

Very little, indeed, is said relative to the cause of Temperance. In Vergennes there has been special vigor and success in enforcing the Temperance Law; the cause almost ignored in Waterbury; little has been, much needs to be done in Williamstown; Band of Hope in Johnson active and influential in removing disgusting habits of vulgar speeches, as well as intemperance; the cause prospering in Coventry; old Temperance Society re-organized in Greensboro, and three hundred signatures secured to the pledge.

More than this might doubtless have been communicated,—of apathy and obstacle in the way of an enforcement of the prohibitory law, and of an increased tendency to use the intoxicating cup, if not of active, successful endeavors in the good work. But is the cause advancing on the whole? Is the community becoming more, or not rather less, temperate? Perhaps we have been at fault by considering the evil one that can be wholly removed without regenerating and sanctifying grace,—in relying too much on human instrumentality and too little on the Divine. Be this as it may, we cannot expect to effect a complete triumph without the direct agency of supernatural influences, if without the "washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost."

GENERAL AND COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

The number of churches is 193,—one more than last year,—one new one having been organized, and none dropped from the list. The number reported destitute is 38,—one more than last year; the number of pastors dismissed is 5 against 9; of deaths, 1 against none; of ministers settled, 12 against 8; whole number of churches having pastors, 76 against 70; of churches having stated supplies, 80 against 85; gain in pastors, 6; loss in supplies, 5. The additions to our churches have been:

by profession, 556, against 476 last year; by letter, 321, against 241; removals by death, 334, against 432; by dismission, 304, against 240; by exclusion, 47, against 40;—net gain, 192 this year, against 20 last year.

The number both of Sabbath-School scholars and of attendants upon public worship reported, is less this year than last. The difference may be owing, in part, to greater accuracy in counting, but it is doubtful if it can be ascribed wholly to that cause.

The amount of benevolent contributions is greater this year than last by $13,347.28, the whole amount this year being $37,300.67,—an amount, however, which can have accomplished but little, if any, more in the field of benevolent effort than did the contributions of last year. Still, it is agreeable to find that the churches have increased their offerings so nearly in the ratio of their prosperity and of the cost of benevolent operations.

In addition to the contributions included in the above statement, considerable has been done for soldiers and the Sanitary Commission, and some of the churches have sent their ministers to labor for a few weeks in the army, under the direction of the Christian Commission.

Such are the outward and visible results of the year, as appears from the reports which have been sent in. And the progress thus indicated is, it will seen, quite small. Little more can be said than that we remain where we were. We have no evidence that other denominations in the State have accomplished more than ours. And so, notwithstanding more or less that is gratifying in the reports, the conviction is forced upon us that the State continues as much given to error, as we dismiss the year, as when we entered upon its duties. The same large numbers are swayed by false doctrines, neglect the sanctuary, dishonor the Sabbath, turn their backs upon the "glorious gospel of the blessed God," and "rush with fury down to hell."

How alarming, arousing the reflection, considered with reference to others! How humbling, condemning, considered with reference to ourselves! The gospel is an aggressive system. Christ died for the conversion of men to God. When so few of those who are prisoners of hope turn to the strongholds provided for their rescue, how can we feel otherwise than cry, in sorrow and contrition: How long, O Lord! Wilt thou not revive us again?

And yet we should not carry this feeling to the extent of asking, in despondency and discouragement: "Who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" Verily, God hath heard; the vision will come, it will not tarry. We should call ourselves to a careful account, but nerve ourselves for more earnest and Christ-like

endeavors,—resolve to return to our fields, and live and pray and hope more as watchmen set upon the walls of Jerusalem, to make mention of the Lord and never keep silence. God has given us, in the open and visible manifestations of the year we now bring to a close, a foretaste of larger and more satisfactory results. And then a large part of the most influential and valuable effects of religious effort cannot be computed and expressed. They are inward and spiritual,—are hidden in the secret places of the mind and heart. And as no labor in the Lord is in vain, we may hope and believe that we have been preparing the way for the coming of the Lord with power and great glory. Moreover, if we have nothing to reap, we have the more time and strength for sowing. And the latter is certainly not less important than the former, nor can it be viewed as scarcely less interesting. The husbandman has joy in the spring as well as in the autumn, and the longer the seed-time the more abundant the harvest. Let us not falter or fear, then; let us go eagerly and confidently forth bearing precious seed, and in "due time we shall reap if we faint not," for "the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

E. IRWIN CARPENTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

The Statistical Year ends the First Sabbath in May.

1. ADDISON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. JAMES T. HYDE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Addison,	Nov. 24, 1804	None.			5	9	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00
Bridport,	June 30, 1790	Harvey F. Leavitt	May, 1830	Stated supply.	38	95	133	33	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	70	200	$97 10
Bristol,	July 8, 1805	Geo. L. Gleason,	Not ordained.	Stated supply.	14	17	31	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	40	60	40 50
Cornwall,	July 15, 1795	A. A. Baker,	Aug. 30, 1854	Aug. 18, 1858	51	100	151	36	0	0	0	6	1	0	7	0	1	100	140	407 52
Ferrisburg,	Jan. 26, 1824	Geo. L. Gleason,		Stated supply.	13	35	48	5	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	3	0	75	90	105 00
Middlebury,	Sept. 5, 1790	James T. Hyde,	June 22, 1853	June 10, 1857	137	241	378	104	13	11	24	10	7	0	17	5	0	100	350	742 66
Newhaven,	Sept. 20, 1800	C. B. Hulbert,	Oct. 20, 1859	Oct. 20, 1859	74	124	198	24	25	4	29	4	0	0	4	10	7	135	225	550 00
Orwell,	1789	Lewis A. Austin,	June 26, 1862	June 26, 1862	66	98	164	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	150	140	571 90
Ripton,	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent,	Oct. 22, 1828	Sept. 4, 1863	30	42	72	21	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	45	55	56 00
Salisbury,	Feb'y 8, 1824	A. B. Lyon,		Stated supply.	20	47	67	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	75	11 00
Shoreham,	March 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	Dec. 28, 1859	June 1, 1864	36	81	117	8	2	2	4	2	2	0	4	1	5	75	150	249 00
Vergennes,	Sept. 17, 1793	H. A. P. Torrey,	May 3, 1865	May 3, 1865	53	122	175	17	1	0	1	3	2	1	6	0	1	100	175	228 00
Weybridge,	June 20, 1794	S.W.Cozzens, DD	Aug. 8, 1832	Stated supply.	20	47	67	10	1	2	3	1	5	0	6	1	1	70	75	107 48
13	4	7 Pastors, 5 S. S.			557	1058	1615	294	54	21	75	28	22	1	51	26	15	1010	1635	$3,166 16

Ministers without Charge—Benjamin Labaree, D. D., Joseph Steele, Middlebury; Otto S. Hoyt, New Haven; Stilman Morgan, Bristol.
Ordained—Henry A. P. Torrey, Vergennes. *Installed*—William N. Bacon, Shoreham.
Dismissed—George B. Spaulding, Vergennes, July, 1864.

2. BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. RUFUS S. CUSHMAN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total.	Adult	Infan			
Arlingt'n a Sund.	Nov. 30, 1843	D. D. Francis,	July 29, 1829	Stated supply.	14	27	41	1	1	4	5	0	0			0	0	75	75	$176 30
Bennington 1st,	Dec. 3d, 1762	Isaac Jennings,	June 7, 1843	Sept. 21, 1855	63	132	195	17	3	0	3	5	6	1	12	0	4	85	175	408 35
Bennington 2d,	April 27, 1836	C. H. Hubbard,	Feb'y, 1848	Stated supply.	91	113	204	14	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	0	2	200	250	220 00
Dorset,	Sept. 22, 1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	Sept. 29, 1847	Dec. 25, 1860	37	70	107	16	0	5	5	3	0	0	3	0	0	100	100	361 66
Manchester,	Sept. 22, 1784	R. S. Cushman,	Dec., 1843	May 28, 1862	57	116	173	10	22	1	23	1	4	0	5	11	5	150	250	†639 80
North Pownal,	May 21, 1851	None			11	24	35	12											75	42 00
Rupert,	June 6, 1786	J. B. Clark,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	27	62	89	3	4	0	4	4	4	0	8	2	1	90	90	208 00
*Sandgate,	1782	None.			5	7	12	0											50	
8		3 P'astors, 3 8 8			305	551	856	73	31	13	44	13	16	1	30	13	12	700	1125	$2,091 17

* No report; figures taken from last year's Minutes.

† Besides $30 00 for Christian Commission.

Ministers without Charge—James Anderson, J. D. Wickham, D. D., J. W. Brown, Manchester; R. C. Hand, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Licentiate—J. H. Harwood.

8. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. E. C. Cummings.

CHURCHES.	Organized.	MINISTERS.	Ordained.	Installed.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Barnet,(McL.'s F.)	Oct., 22, 1829	M. B. Bradford,	1827	Stated supply.	26	76	102	21	12	0	12	1	5	0	6	3	2	110	200	$120 00
Barnet,	Sept. 14, 1858	J. Underwood,	April 28, 1826	Stated supply.	13	41	54	18	1	2	3		1	0	1	0	1	108	150	235 00
*Burke,	March 1, 1807				20	29	49	9											75	
Cabot,	Oct. 25, 1801	S. F. Drew,	Oct. 18, 1857	Sept. 19, 1860	53	83	136	20	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	105	165	185 85
Danville,	Aug., 1792	John Eastman,	Aug. 18, 1834	June 26, 1861	52	98	150	22	2	2	4	0	3	0	3	0	0		100	175 00
Hardwick,	July 29, 1803	Joseph Torrey,Jr.	May 30, 1860	May 30, 1860	40	69	109	16	0	1	1	1	8	0	9	0	1	200	150	423 29
*Lyndon,	Nov. 30, 1817	S. G. Clapp,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	20	63	83	22										65	120	
Peacham,	April 14, 1794	Asaph Boutelle,	Sept., 1831	Feb'y 13, 1851	73	162	235	30	2	0	2	6	3	0	9	1	3	220	250	541 86
St. Johnsbury 1st,	Nov. 21, 1809				25	61	86	14	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	0	90	80	113 00
St.Johnsbury 3d,	Nov. 25, 1840	Wm. O. Baldwin,	Oct. 4, 1854	June 28, 1864	29	45	74	23	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	1	3	134	110	68 10
St.Johnsbury No.	Oct. 7, 1825	E. C. Cummings,	Mar. 17, 1858	May 10, 1861	95	180	275	89	10	7	17	4	15	0	19	6	5	301	234	1,426 74
St. Johnsbury So.	Oct. 23, 1851	Lewis O. Brastow	Jan. 10, 1861	Jan. 10, 1861	52	103	155	24	5	21	26	3	15	0	18	2	0	175	260	843 56
Waterford,	May 30, 1798	George I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1860	Oct. 17, 1860	52	66	118	13	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	2	95	130	240 00
13		8 Pastors, 3 S. S.			550	1076	1626	291	35	37	72	26	58	0	84	18	17	1603	2024	$4,372 31

*** No reports; figures taken from last year's Minutes.**

Ministers without Charge—W. W. Thayer, Timothy E. Ranney, St. Johnsbury.

Installed—William O. Baldwin, 3d St. Johnsbury, June 28th, 1864. *Deceased*—George Henry Clark, April 24, 1865.

4. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. J. G. Bailey.

CHURCHES.	Organized.	MINISTERS.	Ordained.	Installed.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Congreg. Average.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let't'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco	Total	Adult	Infan			
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	Jan. 23, 1856	Jan. 23, 1856	21	21	42	9	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	94	100	$102 00
Eden,	Oct. 25, 1812	Sup. by V. D.M.S.			8	16	24	5	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	23	50	74 55
Hydepark,	March 5, 1863	J. G. Bailey,	Feb. 24, 1864	Feb. 24, 1864	6	16	22	1	2	3	5	0	3	0	3	2	0	80	85	40 00
Hydepark North,	Sept. 9, 1858	J. G. Bailey.	Feb. 24, 1864	Stated supply.	10	20	30	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	75	70	15 40
Johnson,	Sept. 20, 1817	Jas. Dougherty,	Jan. 18, 1832	Oct. 12, 1851	46	102	148	23	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	220	200	220 00
Morristown,	July 14, 1807	Lyman Bartlett,	Aug. 8, 1861	Aug. 8, 1861	33	58	91	26	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	1	2	100	130	150 36
Stowe,	Nov. 21, 1818	James T. Ford,	Nov. 25, 1857	Nov. 25, 1857	19	51	70	13	4	2	6	1	0	0	1	1	1	150	120	177 00
*Waterville,	Feb. 25, 1828	None.			2	16	18	1										60	90	
Wolcott,	Septem., 1844	Horace Herrick,	Sept., 1844	Stated supply.	16	33	49	6	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	0	60	85	Not rep.
9		5 Pastors, 2 S. S.			161	333	494	86	15	10	25	7	5	0	12	7	5	881	930	$789 31

*No report; figures from last year's Minutes.

Minister without Charge—John Gleed, Waterville.

5. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM SEWALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Tota	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total.	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Lunenburg,	Dec. 20, 1802	William Sewall,	May 2, 1855	Stated supply.	39	68	107	22	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	3	0	115	120	$187 27
Granby & Victory	1825	Jeremiah Glines,	Jan. 10, 1827	Stated supply.	12	24	36	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	50	67 00
Guildhall,	April 1, 1799	L. H. Blake,	Not ordained.	Stated supply,	28	62	90	46	5	6	11	0	0	0	0	3	0	60	70	14 50
3		3 S. S.			79	154	233	71	9	6	15	0	2	0	2	6	0	211	240	$268 77

6. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. PLINY F. BARNARD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Barre,	Oct. 14, 1799	E. I. Carpenter,	Dec. 12, 1842	Dec. 25, 1857	41	136	177	44	3	0	3	4	4	0	8	1	0	175	200	$308 60
Berlin,	Oct. 17, 1798	Wm. R. Joslyn,	Feb. 3, 1864	Feb. 3, 1864	30	54	84	32	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	2	120	125	251 55
Berlin West,	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone,	Not reported.	S. Sup. ½ time	4	9	13	2	5	8	13	0	0	0	0	1		65	90	16 05
*Duxbury,	Jan. 18, 1836	None.			12	13	25	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	24	30	
*Marshfield,	May 18, 1826	None.			7	10	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Montpelier,	Sept., 1808	Wm. H. Lord,	Sept. 20, 1847	Sept. 20, 1847	155	232	387	75	2	8	10	6	6	0	12	1	2	350	500	851 00
Northfield,	May 27, 1822	W. S. Hazen,	Oct. 12, 1864	Oct, 12, 1864	33	81	114	34	3	3	6	0	10	0	10	1	0	145	132	138 29
Plainfield,	Jan. 5, 1826	C. M. Winch,	June 29, 1853	Stated supply.	10	23	33	5	2	1	3	1	3	0	4	1	0	75	75	†22 42
Roxbury,	1838	Alden Ladd,	Feb. 15, 1865	Feb. 15, 1865	7	14	21	0	5	0	5	2	0	0	2	5	0	50	70	26 50
Waitsfield,	June 27, 1796	A. B. Dascomb,	Jan. 16, 1862	Stated supply.	50	67	117	25	13	11	24	3	2	0	5	7	0	147	145	‡100 00
Warren,	Not reported.	None.			2	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0 00
Waterbury,	July 10, 1801	C. C. Parker,	Octo. 4, 1848	June 7, 1854	36	105	141	17	2	1	3	4	4	0	8	0	3	135	145	§448 00
Williamstown,	Aug. 13, 1795	P. F. Barnard,	Jan. 14, 1847	Sept. 19, 1860	24	65	89	19	6	0	6	7	2	0	9	5	0	120	125	156 57
Worcester,	Feb. 28, 1824	John F. Stone,	Not reported.	S. Sup. ½ time	18	38	56	15	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	0		60	
14		7 Pastors, 4 S. S.			429	855	1284	286	44	32	76	29	35	0	64	25	7	1406	1772	$2,318 98

*No reports; figures from last year's Minutes. † Besides for Christian and Sanitary Commissions, Freedmen's Relief Association, and soldiers.
‡ As much more for soldiers. § $200.00 for soldiers,

Ministers without Charge—L. H. Stone, Agent for Middlebury College; E. P. Stone.

Ordained—William S. Hazen, Pastor of Church at Northfield, Oct. 12, 1864; Alden Ladd, Pastor of Church in Roxbury, Feb. 15, 1865.

Deceased—Andrew Royce, October, 1864.

7. NORTH-WESTERN ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. GEORGE B. TOLMAN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Letter	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Alburgh,	Feb. 18, 1824	Calvin B. Cady,	1837	Stated supply.	12	43	55	6	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	200	$50 00
Bakersfield,	July 3d, 1811	Geo. F. Wright,	Aug. 26, 1863	Stated supply.	34	75	109	17	5	0	5	3	0	0	3	5	3	144	120	160 53
Berkshire East,	July 15th, 1820	None.			17	27	44	5	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	1	60	70	
Enosburgh,	Oct. 11th, 1811	Alfred B. Swift,	January, 1855	Stated supply.	52	71	123	18	7	2	9	4	2	0	6	0	2	100	100	400 00
Fairfax,	1806	None.			7	13	20	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15 00
Fairfield,	Sept. 22d, 1800	E. J. Comings,	1841	Stated supply.	13	27	40	3	14	4	18	0	0	0	0	4	4	30	60	132 00
Franklin,	Oct. 11th, 1817	A. T. Deming,	June 10, 1863	Stated supply.	16	27	43	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	3	50	80	38 40
Georgia,	Nov. 7th, 1793	A. S. Barton,	Oct. 29th, 1862	Stated supply.	23	68	91	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	90	100	100 00
Highgate,	Oct. 28th, 1811	A. J. Samson,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	22	53	75	35	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	50	75	0 00
Milton,	Sept. 21, 1804	None.			6	30	36	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	80	30 00
Montgomery Cen.	July 15th, 1817	Sewall Paine,	Feb. 22d, 1843	Feb. 22d, 1843	13	30	43	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	24	28	14 00
North Hero,	Nov. 18th, 1862	S. H. Williams,	June 16, 1845	Nov. 18th, 1862	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	50	20 00
Sheldon,	1816	G. B. Tolman,	July 10th, 1862	July 10th, 1862	23	37	60	10	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	1	0	60	60	203 05
St. Albans 1st,	Jan. 2d, 1803	J. Q. Bittenger,	Oct. 25, 1860	Dec. 30, 1864	73	138	211		0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	3	200	300	2,300 00
St. Albans 2d,	May 26th, 1841	None.			21	43	64	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Westford,	Aug. 7th, 1801	B. W. Smith,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	39	74	113	15	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	50	75	189 10
16		4 Pastors, 8 S. S.			374	760	1134	167	36	8	44	20	23	0	43	11	19	923	1398	$3,652 08

Ministers without Charge—Lyndon S. French, Franklin; H. P. Hickok, Burlington; E. H. Squier, Highgate.

Installed—J. Q. Bittenger, Dec. 30, 1864, over 1st Church, St. Albans.

Deceased—George W. Ranslow, at Georgia, (preaching at Milton,) April 7, 1865.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM S. PALMER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Bradford,	June 24, 1810	Silas McKeen, DD	Oct. 18, 1815	May 25, 1842	35	98	133	16	0	5	5	2	2	0	4	0	1	150	150	† $321 79
Corinth,	Oct. 20, 1820	Solon Martin,	June 16, 1835	Stated supply.	32	64	96	9	0	2	2	0	4	0	4	0	1	65	100	Not rep.
Fairlee,	Feb. 28, 1833	Isaac Hosford,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	8	30	38	5	7	0	7	4	0	0	4	6	3	50	100	50 00
Newbury,	1764	H. N. Burton,	Dec. 31, 1857	Dec. 31, 1857	70	184	254	82	6	1	7	7	0	0	7	0	1	150	225	650 00
*Post Mills,	Feb. 26, 1829	None.			7	21	28	5										40	100	
Thetford,	1773	Leonard Tenney,	Mar. 19, 1845	Oct. 21, 1857	68	130	198	47	1	0	1	6	3	0	9	0	3	150	200	597 60
Vershire,	July 14, 1787	Charles Duren,	Feb. 3, 1841	Stated supply.	22	42	64	12	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	1	0	50	70	87 15
*Washington,	October, 1800	None.			3	7	10	3												
Wells River,	Jan. 13, 1842	W. S. Palmer,	Feb. 19, 1862	Feb. 19, 1862	23	92	115	23	5	3	8	0	1	0	1	5	0	221	220	244 88
West Fairlee,	Dec. 9, 1809	Nelson Barbour,	Dec., 1836	Stated supply.	36	56	92	34	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	110	85 00
10		4 Pastors, 4 S. S.			304	724	1028	236	20	15	35	20	12	0	32	12	9	976	1275	$2,036 42

*No report; figures from last year's Minutes.

† A legacy of $450.00 besides.

Licentiate—George N. Abbott.

9. ORLEANS ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. PLINY H. WHITE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo-Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Albany,	Aug. 16, 1818	A. R. Gray,	Nov. 13, 1844	S. Sup. ½ time	10	19	29	5	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	60	80	$00 00
*Barton,	Sept. 24, 1817	W. A. Robinson,	Licentiate.	Stated supply.	32	54	86	21										94	100	
Brighton,	Oct. 5, 1841	John W. H. Baker	Licentiate.	Stated supply.	8	15	23	8	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	75	60	89 80
Brownington,	March 4, 1809	Samuel R. Hall,	Mar. 26th, 1823	March 5, 1855	27	45	72	10	1	5	6	2	0	0	2	1	0	65	70	80 00
Charleston West,	May 14, 1844	Levi Loring,	July 9, 1863	July 9th, 1863	9	34	43	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	75	110	291 ¶4
Coventry,	Oct. 2d, 1810	Pliny H. White,	Feb. 15th, 1859	Stated supply.	35	63	98	8	1	2	3	3	2	0	5	0	1	125	146	346 09
Craftsbury,	July 4, 1797	L. Ives Hoadley,	Oct. 15, 1823	Stated supply.	30	65	95	10	10	1	11	3	6	0	9	5	7	165	115	374 65
Derby,	Aug. 9, 1807	B. Merrill Frink,	Dec. 5th, 1862	Stated supply.	43	80	123	23	3	0	3	2	6	1	8	1	0	125	150	220 00
Glover,	July 12th, 1817	S. K. B. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1860	Jan. 11, 1860	17	43	60	12	0	1	1	4	0	1	5	0	0	150	120	88 20
Greensboro,	Nov. 24, 1804	A. W. Wild,	Oct. 26, 1864	Oct. 26, 1864	29	55	84	12	2	3	5	2	3	0	5	1	1	140	115	277 10
Holland,	Nov. 30, 1842	J. T. Howard,	Jan. 19, 1841	June 3, 1844	3	15	18	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	60	47	
Irasburgh,	Feb. 17th, 1818	J. H. Woodward,	Jan. 31, 1838	Sept. 21, 1864	34	47	81	28	0	4	4	1	1	0	2	0	2	60	120	320 00
Lowell,	Jan. 10th, 1816	Azro A. Smith,	Feb. 11th, 1864	Feb. 11, 1864	11	12	23	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	76	75	18 07
Morgan,	June 4th, 1823	Jacob S. Clark, A. R. Gray,	Jan. 11th, 1827 Nov. 13, 1844	Jan. 11th, 1827 S. Sup. ½ time	11	20	31	9	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	70	12 49
Newport,	Feb. 23, 1831	Robert V. Hall.	Aug. 18, 1835	Stated supply.	20	27	47	4	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	105	110 00
Troy North,	Feb. 5th, 1818	Charles Scott,	Dec. 27, 1854	Stated supply	18	43	61	2	11	3	14	3	1	0	4	8	0	120	170	
Troy South,	Jan. 23, 1845	Sup. by V. D. M. S.			8	17	25	6	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	40	85	
Westfield,	Apr. 19th, 1818	A. A. Smith,	Feb. 11th, 1864	Feb. 11, 1864	19	33	52	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	123	125	82 09
18		9 Pastors, 9 S. S.			364	687	1051	167	38	37	75	22	25	2	49	22	16	1663	1863	$2,320 23

*No report; †figures from last year's Minutes.

Ministers without Charge—Thomas Bayne, Irasburgh, Chaplain 8th Vermont Regiment.

Ordained—Azel W. Wild, Greensboro, October 26, 1864. *Installed*—John H. Woodward, Irasburgh, Sept. 21, 1864.

Dismissed—Benjamin W. Pond, Barton, October 5, 1864. *Deceased*—Jacob N. Loomis, Craftsbury, December, 1864.

Licentiate—Alonzo J. Downing, Washington, D. C.

10. ROYALTON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. T. Henry Johnson.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Barnard,	May 15th, 1782	None.			10	8	18	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	60	$0 00
Bethel,	July 25, 1817	T. Henry Johnson	October, 1852	Stated supply.	14	28	42	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	60	65	70 00
Braintree,	Dec. 25th, 1794	Ammi Nichols,	Sept. 23,	1807 Stated supply.	19	25	44	14	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	7	0	40	60	1 00
Brookfield 1st,	Sept. 23d, 1785	Daniel Wild,	July 1st,	1830 July 1st, 1830	47	62	109	20	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	0	0	90	125	200 00
Brookfield 2d,	Nov. 16th, 1848				24	39	63	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	60	75	‡50 00
Chelsea,	Apr. 10th, 1789				48	89	137	5	3	1	4	8	5	0	13	2	2	135	150	§260 00
Gaysville,	Oct. 8th, 1827	T. S. Hubbard,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	22	62	84	16	1	0	1	1	1	0	2			50	76	‖15 60
Pittsfield,	Sept. 17th, 1803	S. Sparhawk,	March 19,	1829 Stated supply.	28	48	76	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	85	¶54 00
Randolph,	May 30th, 1786	None.			39	66	105	28	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	1	1	60	85	unknown
Randolph West,	Oct. 21st, 1831	O. D. Allis,	Feb'y 2d,	1860 Stated supply.	47	103	150	50	5	6	11	1	1	1	3	4	0	151	155	170 60
Rochester,	Sept. 11th, 1801	E. E. Herrick,	Feb. 24th,	1864 Stated supply.	35	70	105	11	6	1	7	4	1	0	5	3	0	118	123	‡52 60
Royalton,	Autumn, 1777	C. B. Drake, D. D.*	Oct. 12th	1837 Oct. 12th, 1837	58	110	168	52	3	0	3	4	3	31†	38	2	0	125	150	192 76
Tunbridge,	Feb. 5th, 1792	Edwin H. Alden,	Apr. 13th,	1864 Stated supply.	18	23	41	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	80	**27 00
13		2 Pastors, 7 S S			409	723	1142	254	27	10	37	32	16	32	80	19	5	1034	1229	$1.092 96

* Dr. Drake's health having failed, Rev. J. C. Houghton is now supplying the pulpit. † 30 for absence of over twenty years.
‡ Besides to soldiers. § Besides $140 to Sanitary Commission. ‖ And $32 for soldiers. ¶ Besides $32 for Christian Commission. ** And $75 for soldiers.

Minister without Charge—A. S. Swift, Pittsfield. *Licentiates*—A. Wing, West Randolph; George P. Beard, Illinois.

11. RUTLAND ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. AZARIAH HYDE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Benson,	1790	Wm. S. Smart,	Jan. 23, 1861	Jan. 23, 1861	56	108	164	27	30	3	33	6	1	0	7	10	1	70	200	$172 62
Brandon,	Sept. 28, 1785	FranklinTuxbury	Not reported.	May 25, 1865	51	107	158	18	3	5	8	3	5	1	9			159	175	125 00
Castleton,	Autumn, 1780	Lewis Francis,	Feb. 18, 1863	Sept. 28, 1864	78	153	231	54	21	5	26	0	0	0	0	18	0	136	250	†851 80
Chittenden,	June, 1834	Sup. by V.D.M.S.			4	10	14	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	35	50	unknown
Clarendon,	Feb. 18, 1822	Wm. T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851	May 6, 1863	30	42	72	17	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	100	103	329 82
Cuttingsville,*	Not reported.					4	4													
Fairhaven,	Nov. 15, 1803	R. S. Herbert,	Not reported.	Supply.	24	36	60		1	6	7							60	140	245 00
Hubbardton,	1782	Calvin Granger,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	4	17	21	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	40	50	
Middletown,	Nov. 1780	M. M. Martin,	Licentiate.	Stated supply.	20	34	54	23	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	0	0	111	85	13 88
Mount Holly,*	Not reported.				5	7	12													
Pawlet,	Aug. 8, 1781	Azariah Hyde,	Jan. 28, 1846	Stated supply.	28	72	100	21	5	0	5	2	2	0	4	4	4		145	192 00
Pittsford,	April 14, 1784						154		7	5	12	2	1	0	3	5	2	120	220	575 70
East Poultney,	1780	John G. Hale,	Sept. 30, 1852	April 18, 1860	47	73	120	14	1	12	13	2	6	0	8	1	1	87	110	205 14
Rutland,	Oct. 5, 1788	Norman Seaver,	Aug. 29, 1860	Aug. 29, 1860	134	264	398	80	10	16	26	5	2	0	7	5	4	206	500	865 39
Rutland West,	Oct. 20, 1773	Henry M. Grout,	Sept. 1, 1858	Aug. 26, 1862	86	143	229	33	9	3	12	3	5	2	10	6	3	225	250	1,275 16
Sudbury,	1791	Henry F. Rustedt,	Feb'y 3, 1841	Stated supply.	5	23	28	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	40	75	‡87 00
Tinmouth,	1780	Geo. S. Woodhall		1853	Stated supply.	10	30	40	3	0	0	0	0	0	0						‡35 00
Wallingford,	About 1790	Aldace Walker,	Dec. 30, 1840	Stated supply.	16	63	79	10	7	1	8	1	3	0	4	7	3	53	135	‖228 11
Westhaven,	Not reported.	Sup. by V.D.M.S.			4	8	12	4	2	0	2					1	1	45	50	160 00
19		7 Pastors. 6 S. S.			602	1194	1950	317	97	56	153	28	31	5	64	57	22	1487	2538	$5.361 61

*No reports; figures from last year's Minutes. † Besides $200 for soldiers. ‡ $100 for soldiers. § $170 for Sanitary Com. ‖ $300 for Sanitary Com.

Ministers without Charge—Silas Aiken, D. D., S. P. Giddings, Rutland; E. W. Hooker, D. D., Newburyport, Mass.; Willard Child, D.D., Worcester, Mass.; H. O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, E. J. Hallock, Castleton; L. L. Tilden, Troy, N. Y.; S. S. Williams, Orwell; Charles Walker, D. D., Pittsford.

Installed—Lewis Francis, Castleton. *Dismissed*—M. A. Gates, Tinmouth, Oct., 1864; Chas. Walker, D. D, Pittsford, Dec. 6, 1864.

12. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members,				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan.			
Bridgewater,	1793				20	41	61	3	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	25	80	$14 50
Hartford,	1786	B. F. Ray,	March 5, 1856	Feb'y 7, 1860	48	101	149	32	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	4	180	175	470 49
Hartford West,	June 3, 1829	H. Wellington,	April, 1847	Stated supply.	23	35	58	17	5	5	10	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	100	112 00
Hartland,	Sept. 6, 1799	Chas. W. Clark,	June 13, 1861	Stated supply.	20	42	62	21	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	61	48 00
Norwich,	June 15, 1819	S. G. Brown, D.D.		Stated supply.	69	156	225	20	0	1	1	2	9	0	11	0	0	140	250	430 79
Pomfret,	Jan. 8, 1783	W.H. Kingsbury,	Jan. 5, 1859	Stated supply.	14	32	46	10	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	75	95	63 00
Queechy,	Jan. 13, 1831	J. T. Closson,	Licentiate.	Stated supply.	3	29	32	7	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	35	80	125 00
Sharon,	Sept 11, 1782	Philetus Clark,	Nov. 21, 1821	Stated supply.	14	37	51	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	60	80	69 62
Strafford,	Nov. 19, 1820	A. Chandler,	Sept. 12, 1860	Dec. 25, 1864	16	26	42	6	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	70	98 73
Windsor,	Sept. 21, 1768	Ezra H. Byington	Feb. 23, 1859	Feb. 23, 1859	44	99	143	28	10	6	16	5	6	4	15	5	5	160	200	400 83
Woodstock,	Dec. 26, 1781	J Clement, D.D.	Oct. 13, 1830	July 14, 1852	49	105	154	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	3	118	200	275 00
11		4 Pastors, 6 S. S.			220	709	1023	157	22	21	43	26	20	4	50	12	16	993	1391	$2,107 96

Ministers without Charge—Franklin Butler, Windsor; Aaron G. Pease, Norwich. *Installed*—A. Chandler, Strafford, Dec. 25, 1864.
Deceased—Rev. Carey Russell, Norwich, Aug. 17, 1864.

13. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Bellows Falls,	Aug. 7, 1850	M. A. Stevens,	Dec. 9, 1862	Stated supply.	22	45	67	34	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	1	0	114	125	$67 00
Brattleboro East,	July 15, 1819	Geo. P. Tyler, DD	1841	Nov, 19, 1853	96	216	312	47	11	7	18	3	0	0	3	3	2	233	350	984 00
Brattleboro West,	1770	Joseph Chandler,	April 22, 1846	April 22, 1846	38	79	117	16	7	1	8	6	3	0	9	0	4	80	200	333 00
Dummerston,	Aug. 18, 1779	B. F. Foster,	June 20, 1832	Oct. 1, 1846	25	81	106	25	1	0	1	8	0	0	8	0	0	30	100	
Fayetteville,	June 30, 1774	Benjamin Ober,	Jan. 1, 1834	Stated supply.	12	48	60	4	6	2	8	4	0	0	4	2	1	80	125	130 00
Grafton,	June, 1785	Rufus Emerson,	Jan. 7, 1863	Stated supply.	42	68	110	28	8	0	8	1	1	0	2	1	1	135	140	324 00
Guilford,	1768	None.			3	7	10	3												
Halifax West,	July 24, 1778	None.			20	15	35	14	0	0	0	1	1	0	2					
Jamaica,	Sept. 25, 1791	None.			9	18	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	0 00
Londonderry,	1809	None.			9	13	22	8												
Marlboro,	Oct. 20, 1776	Asa F. Clark,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	10	20	30	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		60	
Peru,	Dec. 23, 1807	M. A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858	Stated supply.	36	77	113	15	6	0	6	3	0	0	3	4	0	100	150	57 00
Putney,	Oct. 16, 1776	Theo. M. Dwight,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	21	52	73	2	13	0	13	3	0	0	3	8	1	115	200	
Saxton's River,	Jan. 1, 1825	None.			8	24	32	18	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	30	40	13 00
Stratton,	Aug. 30, 1801				6	13	19	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	75	0 00
Townshend East,	1792	C. L. Cushman,	Dec. 22, 1859	Dec. 22, 1859	50	70	120	45	7	0	7	3	1	0	4	7	1	75	150	159 15
Townshend West,	Oct. 8, 1850	C. W. Piper,	June, 1842	Stated supply.	10	29	39	7	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	60	100	67 00
Wardsboro,	No record.	Silas Ketchum,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	23	45	68	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	65	75	
Westminster E.,	July 11, 1767	F. J. Fairbanks,	Aug. 31, 1864	Aug. 31, 1864	20	80	100	16	5	6	11	1	0	0	1	1	1	175	175	380 00
Westminster W.,	Oct. 31, 1799	Alfred Stevens,	Feb. 23, 1843	Feb. 23, 1843	37	75	112	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1		125	300 00
Wilmington,	July 4, 1855	J. C. Halliday,	Licentiate.	Stated supply.	24	50	74	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	130	37 00
Windham,	Sept. 9, 1805	Stephen Harris,	Oct. 24, 1861	Oct. 24, 1861	35	58	93	26	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	2	100	127	270 00
22		7 Pastors, 9 S. S.			556	1183	1739	358	68	24	92	41	12	0	53	30	14	1537	2447	$3,121 15

Ministers without Charge—Samuel S. Gardner, Chaplain in Army; M. G. Grosvenor, Guilford; S. S. Arnold, Ascutneyville; S. R. Arms, Springfield.

Ordained—F. J. Fairbanks, Westminster East, Aug. 31st, 1864. *Dismissed*—S. S. Gardner, Bellows Falls.

Licentiate—J. C. Pierce, West Townshend.

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14. WINDSOR ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. Moses Kimball.

CHURCHES.	Organized.	MINISTERS.	Ordained.	Installed.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Chester,	Oct. 27, 1773	C. C. Torrey,	Sept. 7, 1855	May 26, 1864	33	73	106	16	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	3	1	100	150	$163 00
*Ludlow,	Sept. 25, 1806			Stated supply.	22	51	73	20												
Plymouth,	May 24, 1806	Thomas Baldwin,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	4	7	11	3	0	0		1	0	0	1			30		
Springfield,	1787	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844	Stated supply.	81	156	237	84		3	3	7	0	0	7	2		175	300	1,200 00
Weathersfield C.	1804	Alvah Spaulding,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	30	60	90	24	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	2	2	95	110	250 00
Weathersfield E.	Dec. 13, 1838	Moses Kimball,	Jan. 27th, 1832	Stated supply.	19	45	64	20		2	2	2	2	0	4			125	125	155 15
Weston,	1799	L. S. Coburn,	1839	Stated supply.	15	27	42	8				0	0	1	1			50	75	25 00
7		1 Pastor, 6 S.S.			204	419	623	125	5	9	14	15	4	1	20	7	3	575	760	$1,798 15

Ministers without Charge—Nelson Bishop, Windsor, Editor of the Vermont Chronicle; J. W. Chickering, Secretary of the Vermont Bible Society; J. DeF. Richards, Monroe, Mich.; Asa F. Clark, West Brattleboro; H. H. Saunderson, Charlestown, N. H.

Installed—C. C. Torrey, Chester, May 26th, 1864.

15. WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. J. W. Hough.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Burlington 1st,	Feb 21, 1805	Eldridge Mix.	Dec. 6, 1860	Sept. 5, 1862	84	191	275	45	16	4	20	2	5		7	10	3	160	400	$1,219 22
Burlington 3d,	Nov. 4, 1860	Geo. B. Safford,	Sept. 2, 1857	Dec. 26, 1860	24	57	81	6	4	4	8	1	3		4		1	60	180	310 70
Charlotte,*	Jan. 3, 1792	C. M. Seaton,	Sept. 28, 1837	July 6, 1854	34	58	92	0												
Colchester,	1804	L. H. Elliot,	Licentiate.	Stated supply.	13	61	74	12	1	1	2	3	4		7	1	0	92	80	80 00
Essex,	1791	E.B. Chamberlain	March 12, 1856	Stated supply.	33	77	110	32	5	1	6	5	3		8	1	4	125	140	105 00
Hinesburgh,	May 20, 1789	Clark E. Ferrin,	Dec. 10, 1851	Feb. 6, 1856	29	60	89	24	1	0	1	2	3		5	1	1	82	74	174 00
Jericho Centre,	March 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	March 29, 1860	Stated supply.	37	56	93	17	0	2	2	2	1		3	0	0	120	125	239 00
Jericho Corners,*	Aug. 31, 1826				9	36	45	4												
North Underhill,	Dec. 19, 1839				3	7	10											25	40	40 00
Richmond,*	1801				8	30	38	11												
South Hero,	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	Nov. 5, 1840	Nov. 5, 1840	8	41	49	1	3	1	4	0	2		2	2	0		100	100 00
Shelburne,*	March 29, 1851				1	7	8	0												
Swanton,	Jan. 4, 1800	John B. Perry,	Dec. 12, 1855	Dec. 12, 1855	37	83	120	26	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	55	80	202 76
Underhill,	Dec. 27, 1801	S. L. Bates,	March 23, 1864	Mar. 23, 1864	41	47	88	17	13	3	16	5	0		5	3	2	120	110	100 00
Williston,	Jan. 23, 1813	J. W. Hough,	March 13, 1859	Aug. 15, 1860	29	57	86	5	8	3	11	3	1		4	3	0	90	125	207 73
Winooski,	Nov. 9, 1836	J. D. Kingsbury,	Sept. 24, 1856	Stated supply.	11	34	45	20	1	2	3	0	1		1	0	3	120	125	50 00
West Milton,	1850	J. K. Converse,	Aug. 9, 1832	Stated supply.	14	21	35	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	4	1	0	104	108	200 00
17		8 Pastors, 5 S. S.			415	923	1338	220	55	22	77	27	23	1	51	22	16	1153	1647	$2,808 41

*No report; figures taken from last year's Minutes. † An additional sum for Freedman's Relief Association.

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Ministers without Charge—Joseph Torrey, D. D., J. H. Worcester, James Buckham, Burlington; A. D. Barber, Williston.
Licentiate—Prof. Matthew Buckham, Burlington.

SUMMARY.

ASSOCIATIONS	Churches.				Ministers.								Tot. Ministers	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabb. School.	Aver. Cong.	Amount of Benevolent Contributions
	Total.	Destitute.	Net incr'se of Chh. Memb'rs	Net decr'se of Chh. Memb'rs	Pastors.	Sta. sup'y	W't ch'ge	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed	Died.	Licentia's		Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss'n	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.			
1. Addison,	13	1	24	0	7	5	4	1	2	1	0	0	16	557	1058	1615	294	54	21	75	28	22	1	51	28	15	2010	1695	$3,166 16
2. Bennington,	8	2	14	0	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	11	305	551	856	78	31	13	44	13	16	1	30	13	12	700	1125	2,091 17
3. Caledonia,	13	2	0	12	5	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	13	550	1076	1626	291	35	37	72	26	58	0	84	13	17	1603	2024	4,372 31
4. Lamoille,	9	2	13	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	161	333	494	86	15	10	25	7	5	0	12	7	5	881	930	789 31
5. Lancaster,	3	0	13	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	79	154	233	71	9	6	15	0	2	0	2	6	0	211	240	268 77
6. Montpelier,	14	3	12	0	4	3	2	0	2	0	1	0	13	429	855	1284	286	44	32	76	29	35	0	64	25	7	1406	1772	2,318 98
7. NorthWestern	16	4	1	3	4	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	15	374	760	1134	167	38	8	44	20	23	0	43	11	19	923	1208	2,652 08
8. Orange,	10	2	26	0	3	4	2	0	2	0	1	0	9	304	724	1028	236	20	15	35	20	12	0	32	12	9	976	1275	2,036 42
9. Orleans,	18	1	26	0	9	2	7	1	0	1	0	1	20	364	687	1051	167	38	37	75	22	25	2	49	22	16	1693	1863	2,220 23
10. Royalton,	18	4	0	43	9	2	7	1	0	0	1	2	12	409	733	1142	254	27	10	37	32	16	32	80	19	5	1038	1229	1,092 96
11. Rutland,	19	6	89	0	7	6	10	2	0	0	2	0	23	602	1194	1950	317	97	56	153	28	31	5	64	57	22	1487	2538	5,361 61
12. White River,	11	1	0	7	4	6	2	4	1	1	0	0	12	320	703	1023	157	22	21	43	26	20	4	50	12	16	993	1291	2,107 96
13. Windham,	22	6	39	0	7	9	4	3	1	1	0	0	21	556	1183	1739	358	68	24	92	41	12	0	53	30	14	1537	2447	3,121 15
14. Windsor,	7	0	0	6	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	1	10	204	419	623	125	5	9	14	15	4	1	20	7	3	575	760	1.793 15
15. Winooski,	17	4	26	0	8	5	4						18	415	923	1338	220	55	22	77	27	23	1	51	22	16	1153	1647	2,808 41
15	193	38	280	68	76*	80†	41	5	12	5	5	7	204‡	5628	11358	17136	3102	556	321	877	324	304	47	685	282	176	16216	22274	$37,300 67

*This is the number of *Churches* having Pastors; the number of Pastors is 75,—two Churches having one Pastor.

†This is the number of *Churches* having Stated Supplies. The number acting as Stated Supplies is 78,—two supplying two Churches each; but as the Stated Supply of one Church is the Pastor of another, the number of different *persons* not sustaining the pastoral relation is 77,—of whom eight are licentiates. One Church has both a Pastor and Supply.

‡Deducting the five who supply two churches each, and adding one in the case of the Church having both a Pastor and a Stated Supply, and we have 200 for the number of different persons.

NOTE.—The Destitute include all but those which have Pastors or Stated Supplies.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS.

Of the 146 churches reporting amount of salary, 17 pay $1000 and over; 84 pay $500, and between that sum and $1000; and 41 less than $500. Parsonages and donations are not reckoned in the above sums.

Four churches pay no stipulated salary, and the amount voluntarily given shows very clearly that men pay better by agreement than by voluntary impulse or principle.

Forty-six churches report Parsonages owned by themselves and societies; in the case of seven, there are Parsonages owned by individuals or companies; and three report houses owned partly by themselves and partly by individuals.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS

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Rev. ALDACE WALKER	Register	Wallingford.

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☞ The next meeting of the General Convention will be at Windsor, on Tuesday, June 19th, 1866,—the exercises beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SCHEDULE

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES, FOR FIVE YEARS.

Associations.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.
ADDISON, - - - -	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.
BENNINGTON, -	. Ohio.	New Hamp.	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.
CALEDONIA, - -	New Hampshire	Ind & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massach'ts
LAMOILLE, - - - -	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. Meth. E. Conference	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.
LANCASTER, - -	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connectic't
MONTPELIER, - -	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connectic't	Wisconsin. Oregon.
N'TH-WESTERN,	Massach'ts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Oregon. Wisconsin.	Rd. Island.
ORANGE, - - - - -	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Gen. Assem.
ORLEANS, - - - -	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Isl.	Gen. Assem.	New York.
ROYALTON, - - -	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Gen. Assem.	New York.	Canada.
RUTLAND, - - - -	Rhode Island.	Gen. Assem.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.
WHITE RIVER, -	Gen. Assem.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.
WINDHAM, - - -	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.
WINDSOR, - - - -	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.
WINOOSKI, - - -	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Ind. & Ill.

Notes.—1. The figures at the head of the columns indicate the year in which the appointments are to be made.

2. It is expected that Delegates to Bodies whose meetings occur later than July in the year of their appointment, will attend that year; all others, the year following.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, AND THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN WHICH EACH NAME APPEARS IN THE STATISTICS.

Aiken, Silas, D. D. Rutland, 11
Alden, Edwin H. Tunbridge, 10
Allis, O. D. West Randolph, 10
Anderson, James, Manchester, 2
Arms, Selah R. Springfield, 13
Arnold, Seth S. Ascutneyville, 14
Austin, Lewis A. Orwell, 1
Bacon, William N. Shoreham, 1
Bailey, J. G. Hydepark, 4
Baker, A. A. Cornwall, 1
Baldwin, Thomas, Plymouth, 14
Baldwin, W. O. St. Johnsbury E. 3
Bayne, Thomas Irasburgh, 9
Baker, J. W. Brighton, 9
Barber, Alanson D. Williston, 15
Barbour, Nelson West Fairlee, 8
Bard, George L. Lower Waterford, 3
Barnard, Pliny F Williamstown, 6
Barrows, George W. Salisbury, 1
Bartlett, Lyman, Morristown, 4
Barton, A. S. Georgia, 7
Bates, S. L. Underhill, 15
Bishop, Nelson Windsor, 14
Bittenger, J. Q. St. Albans, 7
Blake, L. H. Guildhall, 5
Boutelle, Asaph Peacham, 3
Bradford, M. B., McIndoe's Falls, 3
Brastow, Lewis O. St. Johnsbury, 3
Brown, S. G., D. D. Norwich, 12
Brown, J. W. Manchester, 2
Buckham, James Burlington, 7
Burton, Horatio N. Newbury, 8
Butler, Franklin Windsor, 12
Byington, Ezra H. Windsor, 12
Cady, Calvin B. Alburgh, 7
Carpenter, E. Irvin Barre, 6
Chamberlin, E. B. Essex, 15
Chandler, J. West Brattleboro, 13
Chandler, J. Strafford, 12
Chickering, John W. Montpelier, 14
Child, W., D. D. Worcester, Mass. 11
Clapp, S. G. Lyndon, 3
Clark, Jacob S, Morgan, 9
Clark, William, Milan, Italy, 13
Clark, Philetus Sharon, 12
Clark, Asa F. Marlboro, 13
Clark, J. B. Rupert, 2
Clement, Jona., D.D. Woodstock, 12
Closson, J. T. Quechee, 12
Coburn, L. S. Weston, 14
Converse, John K. Burlington, 15
Cozzens, Samuel W. Middlebury, 1
Comings, E. J. Fairfield, 7
Cummings, E. C. St. Johnsbury, 3
Cushman, Rufus S. Manchester, 2
Cushman, C. L. East Townsend, 13
Dascomb, A. B. Waitsfield, 6
Deming, A. T. Franklin, 7
Dougherty, James, Johnson, 4
Drake, Cyrus B., D. D. Royalton, 10

Drew, S. F. Cabot, 3
Duren, Charles Vershire, 8
Dwight, Theodore M. Putney, 13
Eastman, John Danville, 3
Elliot, L. H. Colchester, 15
Emerson, Rufus Grafton, 13
Fairbanks, F. J. WestminsterEast, 13
Ferrin, Clark E. Hinesburgh, 15
Ford, James T. Stowe, 4
Foster, Benjamin F. Dummerston, 13
Francis, Lewis Castleton, 11
Francis, D. D. East Arlington, 2
French, Lyndon S. Franklin, 7
Frink, B. M. Derby, 9
Gardner, Sam'l S. Bellows Falls, 13
Gates, M. A. Peru, 13
Giddings, Solomon P. Rutland, 14
Gleason, George S. Ferrisburgh, 1
Gleed, John Waterville, 4
Glines, Jeremiah Granby, 5
Granger, Calvin, Hubbardton, 11
Gray, Asahel R. Coventry, 9
Grosvenor, Moses G. Guilford, 13
Grout, Henry M. West Rutland, 11
Hale, John G. East Poultney, 11
Hall, Samuel R. Brownington, 9
Hall, R. V. Newport, 9
Halliday, J. C. Wilmington, 13
Hallock, E. J. Castleton, 11
Hand, R. C. Brooklyn, N. Y. 2
Harris, Stephen Windham, 13
Hazen, Austin, Jericho Centre, 15
Hazen, William S. Northfield, 6
Herrick, Horace Wolcott, 4
Herrick, William T. Clarendon, 11
Herrick, E. E. Rochester, 10
Hickok, H. P. Burlington, 7
Higley, Hervey O. Castleton, 11
Hoadley, L. Ives Craftsbury, 9
Hooker, E. W., D.D., Newburyp't, Ms. 11
Hosford, Isaac Fairlee, 8
Hough, J. W. Williston, 15
Houghton, James C. Chelsea, 10
Howard, Jabez T. Holland, 9
Hoyt, Otto S. New Haven, 1
Hubbard, C. H. Bennington, 2
Hubbard, T. S. Gaysville, 10
Hulbert, Calvin B. New Haven, 1
Hyde, James T. Middlebury, 1
Hyde, Azariah Pawlet, 11
Jennings, I. Bennington Centre, 2
Johnson, T. Henry Bethel, 10
Joslyn, William R. Berlin, 6
Kent, Cephas H. Ripton, 1
Ketchum, Silas Wardsboro, 13
Kimball, Moses Ascutneyville, 14
Kingsbury, John D. Winooski, 15
Kingsbury, William H. Pomfret, 12
Labaree, Benj., D. D. Middlebury, 1
Ladd, Alden Roxbury, 6
Leavitt, Harvey F. Middlebury, 1
Lord, William H. Montpelier, 6
Loring, Levi Charleston West, 9
Lyon, A. B. Salisbury, 1
Mann, Asa Springfield, 14
Martin, Solon Corinth, 8
Martin, M. M. Middletown, 11
Maynard, Ulric Castleton, 11
McKeen, Silas, D. D. Bradford, 8
Mix, Eldridge Burlington, 15
Morgan, Stilman Bristol, 1
Nichols, Ammi Braintree, 10
Ober, Benjamin Fayetteville, 13
Owen, Linus Londonderry, 13
Paine, Sewall Montgomery Centre, 7
Palmer, William S. Wells River, 8
Parker, Charles C. Waterbury, 6
Parmelee, Simeon, D.D. Underhill, 15
Pease, Aaron G. Norwich, 12
Perkins, S. K. B. Glover, 9
Perry, John B. Swanton, 15
Perry, David Worcester, 6
Piper, Caleb W. Townshend West, 13
Pratt, Parsons S. Dorset, 2
Ranney, T. E. St. Johnsbury, 3
Ray, Benjamin F. Hartford, 12
Richards, J. DeF. Monroe, Mich. 14
Robinson, W. A. Barton, 9
Rustedt, Henry F. Sudbury, 11
Safford, George B. Burlington, 15

Samson, Amos J.	St Albans, 7	Tolman, George B.	Sheldon, 7
Saunderson, H.H.	Charlest'n,N.H. 14	Torrey, Joseph, D. D.	Burlington, 15
Scott, Charles	South Troy, 9	Torrey, Joseph, Jr.	Hardwick, 8
Seaton, Charles M.	Charlotte, 15	Torrey, Charles C.	Chester, 14
Seaver, Norman	Rutland, 11	Torrey, H. A. P.	Vergennes, 1
Sewall, William	Lunenburgh, 5	Tuxbury, F.	Brandon, 11
Smart, William S.	Benson, 11	Tyler, George P.	Brattleboro, 13
Smith, Buel W.	Westford, 7	Underwood, Joseph,	Barnet, 8
Smith, Charles S.	Montpelier, 3	Walker, Charles, D. D.	Pittsford, 11
Smith, A. A.	Lowell, 9	Walker, Aldace	Wallingford, 11
Sparhawk, Samuel	Pittsfield, 10	Wellington, Horace	W. Hartford, 12
Spaulding, Alvah	Weathersfield E. 14	Wheeler, Orville G.	South Hero, 15
Squier, E. H.	Highgate, 7	Wheelock, Edwin,	Cambridge, 4
Stevens, Alfred	West Westminster, 13	White, Pliny H.	Coventry, 9
Stevens, M. A.	Bellows Falls, 13	Wickham, J. D., D.D.	Manchester, 2
Steele, Joseph	Middlebury, 1	Wild, Daniel	Brookfield, 10
Stone, J. P.	Hampton, Va. 9	Wild, Azel W.	Greensboro, 9
Stone, Levi H.	Northfield, 6	Williams, Stephen S.	Orwell, 11
Stone, John F.	Montpelier, 6	Williams, Stephen H.	North Hero, 7
Stone, E. P.	Montpelier, 6	Winch, C. M.	Plainfield, 6
Swift, Aurelius S.	Pittsfield, 10	Woodhall, G. S.	Tinmouth, 11
Swift, Alfred B.	Enosburgh, 7	Woodward, John H.	Irasburgh, 9
Tenney, Leonard,	Thetford,	Worcester, John H.	Burlington, 15
Thayer, Wm. W.	St. Johnsbury, 3	Wright, George T.	Bakersfield, 7
Tilden, L. L.	Troy, N. Y. 11		

SCHEDULE

OF TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	*Jan. & Feb.*	*Mar. & Ap.*	*May & June*	*July & Aug.*	*Sept. & Oct.*	*Nov. & Dec.*
Windham,	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tracts.	S.F.So.etc.
Windsor,	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tracts.	S.F.So.etc.
Orange,	S.F.So.etc.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education	Tracts,
Washington,	S.F.So.etc.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education	Tracts.
Bennington,	Tracts.	S.F.So.etc.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Rutland,	Tracts.	S.F.So.etc.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education
Addison,	Education.	Tracts.	S.F.So.etc.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Chittenden,	Education.	Tracts.	S.F.So.etc.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Grand Isle,	H. Miss.	Education.	Tracts.	S.F.So.etc.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Franklin,	H. Miss.	Education.	Tracts.	S.F.So.etc.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Lamoille,	H. Miss.	Education.	Tracts.	S.F.So.etc.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Orleans,	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Edcuation.	Tracts.	S.F.So etc.	Bible.
Caledonia,	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tracts.	S.F So.etc	Bible.
Essex,	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tracts.	S.F So.etc	Bible.

FORTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

VERMONT

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

WITH THE

TREASURER'S REPORT,

AND THE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING,

At Burlington, June 21, 1865.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Forty-Seventh Anniversary of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held at Burlington, on Wednesday, June 21st, 1865.

The Society, in the absence of the Vice-Presidents, was called to order by Rev. W. H. LORD, one of the Directors.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. A. Stevens, a Committee was appointed to report a list of officers for the ensuing year.

The report of the Treasurer was presented, showing receipts, and a balance last year, amounting to $13,781.10; disbursements, $10,691.93,—leaving a balance on hand at date of $3,089.17.

Three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars are in loans and investments, most of which is not available for the current expenses of the Society, having been donated as a permanent fund.

The Report of the Directors was then read by Rev. C. S. Smith, Corresponding Secretary, and was followed by a discussion, which was participated in by some ten or twelve members.

The recommendation to employ a missionary among our French Canadian population elicited much interest, and drew out several important statements of facts.

The following resolutions were introduced, relating to the recent removal by death of Hon. ERASTUS FAIRBANKS and Rev. GEORGE W. RANSLOW, officers of the Society:

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. ERASTUS FAIRBANKS, for more than twenty years a patron and counsellor of this Society, and for sixteen years its President, we have experienced a loss not easily repaired; and that, while we would bow in humble submission to God's holy will, we feel ourselves also called upon to render hearty thanks for all that the great "Head of the Church" has been pleased to accomplish through his instrumentality,

and to pray that God would raise up other devoted and pious laymen among us who shall emulate his liberality, and shall be endowed with a like wisdom and devotedness.

Resolved, That we tender to his afflicted family our cordial sympathy and our prayerful interest.

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. GEORGE W. RANSLOW, late of Georgia, a Director of this Society, we mourn the departure of one who has labored long and diligently in the churches of our State. That by his removal we are reminded of the increasing pressure of the necessities of churches, and are admonished to do with our might whatsoever our hands find to do in the work in which for so many years he has been our companion and fellow-laborer.

Resolved, That we tender to his surviving family our cordial sympathy in their deep affliction.

A resolution was also introduced, advocating the employment, temporarily, of partially educated men in the work of preaching and pastoral labor.

This resolution was referred to a Special Committee, who reported that it might be more properly discussed at the meeting of the Education Society.

The officers for the year ensuing are as follows:

President—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Vice-Presidents—L. H. DELANO, Esq., Hon. WILLIAM NASH, and Hon. WILLIAM C. KITTREDGE.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH.

Register—Rev. CHARLES C. TORREY.

Directors—Rev. WILLIAM H. LORD, Rev. HARVEY F. LEAVITT, Rev. NELSON BISHOP, Rev. CHARLES C. PARKER, Rev. GEORGE P. TYLER, Rev. JAMES T. FORD, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Rev. JAMES C. HOUGHTON, Rev. PLINY H. WHITE, Rev. CLARK E. FERRIN, Dea. WILLIAM MILLER, Hon. C. W. MERRIAM.

Attest:

CHARLES C. TORREY, *Register*.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Now that the tempest of national strife has spent itself, and the sweet calm of restored peace and re-established order is diffusing new joy, hope and activity through the land, the Directors of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, in presenting their Forty-Seventh Annual Report, would gratefully acknowledge the loving kindness and mercy of our God, in his tender care over our churches during this period of civil war, and for permitting us to prosecute, without interruption, our missionary work. As He has borne us safely through the swellings of Jordan, may we not hope that in the day of peace He will give to us great enlargement?

Another year of labor and opportunity has passed. We meet to-day briefly to review what has been done, to take counsel for the future, and to gird ourselves anew for the Master's service.

But all are not here who have been accustomed to meet with us at these annual gatherings.

Hon. ERASTUS FAIRBANKS, for twenty-one years an officer of this Society, and for sixteen years its honored President, has been called to his rest. His name, his virtues, his Christian example and stewardship, are known to us all. By his death this Society has been bereft of one of its wisest counsellors, most steadfast friends and liberal contributors. We have few such men to lose. Upon whom shall his mantle fall?

Rev. GEORGE W. RANSLOW, for the last two years a Director, has also finished his work for the Church on earth, and entered upon his reward. He labored for thirty-six years in the ministry in this State, in the towns of Cambridge, Georgia and Milton, and proved himself an able and faithful minister of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The departure of these esteemed fellow-laborers and servants of Christ reminds us that there are fast gathering, in that assembly which they have joined, more who, as officers, missionaries and patrons of this Society, have labored, prayed and given for the growth of our Zion, than yet remain behind. And there seems to come to us a voice, from within the vail, of those who were once our companions in labor and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, admonishing us to do with our might what our hands find to do, for our day of labor must soon end, when we can no longer serve our generation according to the will of God.

We can chronicle no marked outward results as the fruit of the year's labor. Most of the churches have received small additions to their membership. A few have been blessed with gentle showers of heavenly grace. But there has been no general out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. It is not without much sorrow and solicitude that we consider the small number of those who for several years past have been led to give their hearts to Christ and cast in their lot with his people.

The following Tables exhibit the principal statistics connected with the several churches and fields occupied during the year, in the Ordinary and Itinerant Departments, with a brief notice of each.

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

	Aided Churches.	Ministers.	Date of Commission	L'th Com. m's	Aid pledged.	Months labor performed.	Hopful. Conv.	Add. Profess.	Add. Letter	Remov. Dismis.	Remov. Death	Remov. Excom.	Resid. Memb.	Male resid. M.	Non-resid. M.	Congregation	Sabbath-Sch.	Contributions Home Missions.	Contributions Other Objects.
1	Arlington East	D. D. Francis	June 1, 1865	12	$125 00	12	1	1	4				41	14		85	77	$19 43	$15 95
2	Barnet	Joseph Underwood	June 1, 1865	12	100 00	12	1	1	2	1			36	9	18	125	95	80 00	153 00
3	Bethel	T. H. Johnson	July 1, 1864	12	100 00	12							29	7	13	65	60	25 00	45 00
4	Bellows Falls	M. A. Stevens	June 1, 1865	12	150 00	12	1	1	5	2			35	11	23	125	120	10 23	147 78
5	Berlin West—⅓ time	J. F. Stone	Jan. 1, 1865	12	75 00	4⅓	1	5	8				11	3	2	80	75	16 05	
6	Brownington	S. R. Hall	Jan. 1, 1865	12	100 00	5		1	5		2		61	25	11	80	70	19 96	120 00
7	Charleston West	Levi Loring	June 1, 1865	12	50 00	12	5	2	2	1			39	10	5	110	89	69 00	197 05
8	Colchester	L. H. Elliot	Sept. 1, 1864	12	100 00	9	2	1	1	4	3		62	10	12	80	92	11 00	69 00
9	Ferrisburgh—½ time	G. S. Gleason	Mar. 12, 1864	12	175 00	6	8	6		1			48	8	7	90	70	20 00	90 00
10	Gaysville	T. S. Hubbard	May 1, 1864	12	100 00	11		1		1	1		68	18	16	76	70		31 00
11	Glover	S. K. B. Perkins	Aug. 15, 1864	12	150 00	12	2		3		3	1	57	12	11	125	150	20 00	68 00
12	Guildhall	L. H. Blake	Oct. 1, 1864	12	100 00	8	18	5	6				43	11	47	75	70	14 50	
13	Granby	Jeremiah Glines	Sept. 1, 1863	12	100 00	4	2				1		34	12	2	50	36	4 45	67 00
14	Holland	J. B. Griswold	Apr. 1, 1864	12	150 00	10				3			17	3	1	50	47	29 00	
15	Hubbardton	Calvin Granger	Sept. 1, 1864	12	150 00	9				1			17	3	4	50	40	14 00	
16	Hydepark—½ time	J. G. Bailey	Sept. 1, 1864	12	25 00	6	4	2	3	2			21	6	1	85	80	20 10	20 60
17	Hydepark North—⅓ time	J. G. Bailey	Sept. 1, 1864	12	125 00	6		3					28	9	2	78	75	19 35	
18	Jericho Corners—½ time	E. A. Birge	Aug. 1, 1864	12	50 00	10							38	7	4	50			
19	Island Pond	J. W. H. Baker	May 1, 1865	12	175 00	12	3	4	5				15	5	9	75	60	48 00	38 30
20	Lowell—½ time	A. A. Smith	Sept. 4, 1864	12	75 00	6	1	1					23	11	1	75	78		19 60
21	Ludlow	R. B. Snowden	July 24, 1864	12	150 00	9	4		3				62			175	82	23 00	50 00
		J. O. Denniston	May. 1, 1865	12		1													
22	Morgan—½ time	A. R. Gray	July 3, 1864	12	50 00	5		1	3				22	5	9	80	60	6 00	12 49
23	Morrisville	Lyman Bartlett	Aug. 8, 1864	12	100 00	12	3	3	1				65	17	27	130	75	38 15	109 21
24	Newport	R. V. Hall	Sept. 1, 1864	12	200 00	12	1		5				43	16	4	110	65	50 00	110 00

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES—Concluded.

	Aided Churches.	Ministers.	Date of Commission	L'th Com. m's	Aid pledged..	Months labor performed.	Hopful Conv..	Add. Profess..	Add. Letter...	Remov. Dismiss..	Remov. Death...	Remov. Excom....	Resid. Memb.	Male resid. M.	Non-resid. M.	Congregation	Sabbath-Sch.	Contributions Home Missions.	Contributions Other Objects.
25	North Hero	S. H. Williams	Nov. 18, 1864	12	$150 00	12							7	3		55	25	$20 00	
26	Pittsfield	Samuel Sparhawk	Apr. 1, 1865	12	100 00	12	1				2		51	20	20	70	62	34 00	$52 00
27	Plainfield	C. M. Winch	Nov. 1, 1864	12	150 00	12	5	2	1	3	1		27	7	5	75	75	25 15	
28	Pomfret	W. H. Kingsbury	Dec. 1, 1864	12	100 00	12	3		1				36	10	10	95	75	8 00	60 56
29	Ripton	C. H. Kent	June 1, 1865	12	200 00	12	2			2	1		51	16	21	60	45	15 00	41 00
30	Roxbury	Alden Ladd	Oct. 1, 1864	12	150 00	12	6	11	1		2		28	8	2	85	50		26 50
31	Sheldon	G. B. Tolman	Jan. 1, 1865	12	100 00	12	1	4			2		50	19	10	60	60	43 50	143 15
32	Stowe	J. T. Ford	Sept. 1, 1865	12	150 00	12	6	4	2		1		57	16	13	130	150	54 00	130 00
33	Sudbury	H. F. Rustedt	Sept. 1, 1865	12	200 00	12	1					2	28	5	8	75	40	75 00	112 60
34	Troy—½ time	Charles Scott	Apr. 1, 1864	12	75 00	5			1	1			19	6	6	85	40		22 00
35	Tunbridge	Edwin H. Alden	Oct. 1, 1864	12	150 00	8				1	2		46		13	75	75		105 00
36	Underhill	S. L. Bates	Dec. 1, 1863	12	125 00	7	10	13	3		2		71	31	17	110	125	15 00	85 60
37	Vershire	Charles Duren	Jan. 1, 1865	12	100 00	12	1	1	4		1		52	18	12	75	101	54 50	62 15
38	Weston	L. S. Coburn	Dec. 1, 1864	12	125 00	6						1	34	8		75			68 00
39	Wolcott	Horace Herrick	April 1, 1865	12	125 00	12	3	1			4		44	14	6	85	50	19 00	5 00
40	Worcester—½ time	J. F. Stone	Jan. 17, 1864	12	100 00	5		2					70					14 75	5 00
		David Perry	May 1, 1865	12	125 00	1													
41	Weathersfield Bow	Moses Kimball	Jan. 1, 1865	12	90 00	4½										60	45		

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ARLINGTON EAST.—This field remains much as last year. Rev. D. D. Francis has continued his labors. He expresses a desire to have some younger man take his place, and thinks that there is promise of good in the future.

2. BARNET.—This small church has contributed, during the year, $80.00 for Domestic Missions and $153.00 for other benevolent objects. Would that many others might follow its example in this respect! The missionary writes: "As to the prospects of my field, I hardly know what to say. It comprises a large number of French and Irish Catholics, factory employees, and a class of old settlers, who, though they pay something for preaching, seldom go to church or observe the Sabbath in a proper manner. They show little regard for their God and Savior. I have many fears that they will be left to die in their sins. One thing is encouraging. That is the Sabbath-school. It is at present under the management of an excellent superintendent, and is increasing in numbers and interest. From this nursery it is to be expected some trees of righteousness will spring up to bless the community and bring forth fruit unto eternal life."

3. BELLOWS FALLS.—Six hundred dollars has been paid toward the debt of the church the past year. They are happily united in their present minister, and it is to be hoped that he will be settled. He writes: "The Sabbath services are very well attended; usually the audience is as large as the house will comfortably hold. I am encouraged and pleased with the promptness with which the brethren do their duty in the meetings for prayer and conference, and the hearty readiness with which they second my efforts looking to the interests of religion in the place. Our Sabbath-school is flourishing. The teachers seem to be much interested in their work. We hold our Sabbath-school concert in the afternoon, and it is a time of general interest. All the exercises bear upon one subject, given out previously. Suitable Scriptural and other selections are made, which the children recite. In this way we secure unity as well as variety in the concert. We

hold a church prayer and conference meeting once a week, especially designed to promote the interests of the Sabbath-school."

4. BETHEL.—The society voted to increase their subscription for preaching twenty-five per cent. The contributions for benevolent objects are nearly thirty-three per cent. greater than the year previous. These facts are indicative of harmony and growth.

5. BERLIN WEST.—A church was organized here February 16th. Though there is no prospect that this church will be self-sustaining for the present, the best interests of religion seemed to demand such an organization. It will be cared for by Rev. J. F. Stone, who preaches to them half of the time.

6. BROWNINGTON.—This church has not, for several years, received aid till the present time. More energy and interest seem to be needed to prevent further loss and decay.

7. CHARLESTON WEST.—This church has been steadily increasing for several years. Their contributions for benevolent objects during the past year have amounted to $257.05, besides a box of clothing sent to the West, valued at $109.69. This is the largest contribution made by any missionary church. The missionary concerts are reported as increasing in interest, and exerting a very salutary influence in the community. The relation of pastor and people is most happy, and it is hoped that it may long continue unbroken.

8. COLCHESTER.—Nothing of special interest is reported from this church. The weekly prayer-meetings are held in different neighborhoods, to accommodate the widely scattered members.

9. FERRISBURGH.—The church here suffers for the want of a house of worship of their own. It is to be feared that, unless they make earnest efforts to improve their condition in this respect, they will grow still weaker.

10. GAYSVILLE.—Though the debt incurred in building their house of worship is not wholly settled, the church proposes to relieve the Missionary Society from all charge in supporting their minister for the year to come. The missionary has preached in the various districts in his parish, with satisfactory results.

11. GLOVER.—The missionary preaches alternately at Glover and West Glover. He writes: "We are now enjoying a state of general prosperity. Several young people are expected to unite with the church soon, and a few Christian families have moved

into this town. Is it not well that there is a church here to welcome them and care for their children? *This is so* very much through the instrumentality of your Society. A new interest has been awakened in the temperance cause, and many are signing the total abstinence pledge."

12. GUILDHALL.—The church here was taken up by the Itinerant Department in August, and transferred to this in October. (See Itinerant Department.)

13. GRANBY.—Aid was furnished to this church only about three months. It is very feeble, and the congregation quite small.

14. HOLLAND.—The missionary left this field at the close of his year, in April. Since then they have been destitute. The members of the church are few, and wanting in courage. Reading meetings are maintained.

15. HYDEPARK.—Progress has been made. A house of worship is greatly needed. The church and society must soon enter upon this work if they would continue to grow.

16. NORTH HYDEPARK.—The missionary alternates between this place and Hydepark. A great variety of religious sentiments exist in the community, dividing them into parties, and disturbing the harmony of those who profess to have the spirit of Christ.

17. HUBBARDTON.—The people have made more of an effort than for some time previous to sustain preaching. Meetings are held in a district four miles from the Centre, and three small Sabbath-schools are sustained.

18. JERICHO CORNERS.—Mr. Birge closed his labors in February for the want of adequate support. Difference of opinion on secular questions has been allowed to disturb the harmony of Christian fellowship. Thereby the cause of Christ suffers, and the weak are made weaker.

19. ISLAND POND.—Rev. John W. H. Baker has supplied this church most of the year, and there is hope that he may be settled. As in every new village, the population is changing, society is in an unsettled state, and there is great need of permanent ministerial influences. The settlement of their first pastor is looked forward to with much interest by the church and its friends.

20. LOWELL is believed to be improving under the care of Rev. A. A. Smith. His labors are divided between this place and Westfield.

21. LUDLOW.—This church has been disappointed by the loss of Rev. R. B. Snowden, who felt it his duty to go to California. The present missionary, Rev. J. O. Denniston, writes: "This field is promising. The congregation increased under the labors of my predecessor. The church here greatly needs a settled minister of activity and piety. It has suffered from frequent changes of ministers."

22. MORGAN.—A larger attendance on public worship and more interest manifested than for some years previously. Besides the Sabbath-school at the Corner, one is sustained through the year in one of the school districts. Rev. A. R. Gray preaches half of the time, with encouraging prospects.

23. MORRISVILLE.—Outside influences are such as to try the integrity of this church. If they are united and faithful, it is believed they will suffer no material loss.

24. NEWPORT.—Rev. R. V. Hall writes: "This spring we have added fifty dollars' worth of books to our Sabbath-school library, and the school is in excellent working order, under the superintendence of a capable and efficient man. The Sabbath-school concert is observed with interest. I believe this church, on the whole, is gradually gaining in moral strength and influence."

25. NORTH HERO contains about seventy families. There is no regular evangelical preaching on the island except by our missionary. There is, by a majority of the people, a great disregard of religious ordinances. Mr. Williams writes: "The stores that used to be open for business on the Sabbath have for some time past refrained from that practice. We can but hope that a silent but sure influence is being exerted by the church and the preaching of the gospel in this place." They greatly need a meeting-house,—a building consecrated to the worship of God, and not so common a place as a court or school-house.

26. PITTSFIELD.—This church has more than doubled its contributions for benevolent objects the past year. Rev. S. Sparhawk writes: "The members of the church are mostly advanced in life. So far as I know, they are harmonious in their views and feelings. We need, above all things, the out-pouring of the Spirit to gather those who are yet without, into the fold of the Redeemer."

27. PLAINFIELD.—Contributions are reported larger than usual, and the general state of things hopeful. The people are much

scattered, which is a great obstacle in the way of sustaining a weekly prayer-meeting.

28. POMFRET.—Rev. W. H. Kingsbury preaches alternately at Pomfret and Snowsville. A Sabbath-school is held at each place. They have supplied both places of worship with Cabinet Organs the past year. The missionary reports: "A gratifying advance in benevolence, and increase of interest in the Sabbath-schools."

29. RIPTON has lost by removals from town. The completion of a house of worship by another denomination, near by, has attracted some who before were occasional attendants at the Congregational Church. One hundred and fifty persons have joined the temperance society. A union Sabbath-school has been organized in a distant district.

30. ROXBURY has settled Rev. A. Ladd, and has experienced something of the presence of the Spirit. Their prospects are hopeful. With God's blessing upon the labors of their pastor, we hope to see them increase in strength and in every Christian grace.

31. SHELDON.—A parsonage is just being completed. A Cabinet Organ has been procured "for the service of song in the house of the Lord." In other respects there has been but little change.

32. STOWE.—The meeting-house has been enlarged so as to accommodate about one hundred more hearers. There has been a steady growth in this field for several years, and the prospect before them is encouraging. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Ford, reports a larger congregation and Sabbath-school than ever before. The membership of the church has also increased.

33. SUDBURY.—This little church has greatly increased its benevolent contributions during the year. As the only religious organization in town, it seems exceedingly desirable that it should be kept in active operation.

34. TROY.—Rev. C. Scott supplied this church half of the time till the first of May. Since then a student has preached for them. They have suffered seriously by removals.

35. TUNBRIDGE.—Rev. E. H. Alden entered this field in October last. There had been a gradual loss by removals, deaths and other causes for several years. Matters have lately assumed a more hopeful condition. The meeting-house needs repairing,

and it is to be hoped that the society will let nothing deter them from doing this necessary work.

36. UNDERHILL has for two years enjoyed marked tokens of the presence of the Spirit. They have assumed the entire support of their pastor. It is with pleasure that the Missionary Society takes leave of them, and bids them God speed.

37. VERSHIRE.—Rev. C. Duren reports a gain in some respects: increased contributions, and, during a part of the year, larger attendance upon public worship and in the Sabbath-school. Third meetings on the Sabbath are held in four different neighborhoods.

38. WEATHERSFIELD BOW.—This field has been received under the care of the Missionary Society by virtue of a bequest, made for this object, by the late Major Charles Jarvis. Rev. Moses Kimball has preached here for half of the time for several years, and continues to do so. There is no church organization at this place, though a few members live in the vicinity who belong to the church worshipping at Ascutneyville, where Mr. Kimball preaches the other half of the time.

39. WESTON.—Rev. L. S. Coburn, who preached to this church for several years, closed his labors with them about the last of May. The members are few and discouraged. The society own a parsonage, and it is believed that, if they secure a devoted and judicious minister soon, their condition may improve.

40. WOLCOTT continues much as it was a year ago. Some addition has been made to their Sabbath-school library.

41. WORCESTER.—Matters are assuming a more settled and hopeful condition than for some years past. There is greater unity and a stronger desire manifest for the ministration of God's word. Rev. J. F. Stone labored to improve the ground, by preaching half of the time, till the way could be opened for some one to go there to remain permanently. Rev. D. Perry is now their minister.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

Fields and Missionaries.	Began.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Travelling Exp.	Am't to be paid. By the People.	Am't to be paid. By the Society.	Am't to be paid. Total.	Average Congrega.	Average Sab. Sch.
1. BERLIN WEST			$.	$.	$.	$.	$.	80	75
J. F. Stone	Jan., 1864	16	7 70	.....	91 92	31 28	123 20		
2. BRIDGEWATER								90	26
H. M. Morey.....P.	May 5, 1864	8	5 50	3 00	47 00	.....	47 00		
A. M. Richardson...A.	Aug. 16, 1864	2	5 50	1 00	5 00	7 00	12 00		
J. L. Pratt	Sep. 1, 1864	30	9 13	.....	165 00	108 90	273 90		
3. BURKE								120	43
D. W. Fox.....U.	June 16, 1864	13	5 50	7 60	40 00	39 10	79 10		
4. CHITTENDEN								60	40
E. B. Parsons.....U.	May 27, 1864	13	5 50	3 50	75 00	.....	75 00		
J. G. Merrill.....A.	Mar. 25, 1865	5	6 00	5 00	35 00	.....	35 00		
John Wright.....P.	Apr. 28, 1865	5	6 00	3 00	39 00	.....	39 00		
5. ANDOVER									
P. H. Pitkin.....P.	Apr. 28 1865	5	6 00	2 00	10 00	22 00	32 00		
6. DUXBURY								55	20
C. H. Richards.....A.	July 9, 1864	2	5 50	2 50	3 50	10 10	13 50		
Henry A. P. Torrey....	Aug. 15, 1864	11	5 50	7 10	23 65	43 95	67 60		
7. EDEN								52	33
J. W. Kingsbury....P.	May 14, 1864	12	5 50	13 87	14 35	65 52	78 87		
F. H. Seeley.....Aub.	May 27, 1865	1	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
8. GUILDHALL								120	50
L. H. Blake.....A.	Aug. 7, 1864	7	5 50	11 35	50 00	.....	50 00		
9. NEWBURY WEST								90	
C. B. Tracy	July, 1864	2	7 50	.....	8 00	7 00	15 00		
10. ORANGE								50	35
P. S. Jennings.....P.	May 2, 1864	5	5 50	3 62	81 12	.....	31 12		
11. RICHMOND								90	60
Rev. A. Hazen	June, 1864	5	7 50	.....	.....	37 50	.....		
Eben Halley.....P.	May 5, 1865	4	6 00	4 00	28 00	.....	28 00		
12. STRATTON								50	40
A. M. Richardson...A.	Sep. 8, 1864	2	5 50	.....	.....	11 00	.....		
S. Sayre.....P	Apr. 27, 1865	5	6 00	4 00	15 00	19 00	34 00		
13. TOPSHAM WEST								90	40
P. S. Jennings.....P.	May 2, 1864	6	5 50	3 00	36 00	.....	36 00		
14. TROY									
R. S. Van Clive.....P.	May 5, 1865	4	6 00	4 00	28 00	.....	28 00		
15. WASHINGTON								45	
P. S. Jennings.....P.	June 2, 1864	1	5 50	.....	.....	2 00	5 50		
16. WATERVILLE								80	50
F. H. Seeley.....Aub	May 27, 1865	1	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
17. WEST HAVEN								50	25
Oliver Hemstreet... P.	May 5. 1864	13	5 50	5 00	63 00	13 56	176 56		
18. WHITEHALL EAST								65	45
B. G. Benedict.....P.	May 12, 1865	3	6 00	4 00	22 00	.....	22 00		

To the names of Theological Students the initial letter of the institution with which they are connected is affixed. Thus—A. stands for Andover; Aub. for Auburn; U. for Union; P. for Princeton.

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. BERLIN WEST.—(See Ordinary Department.)

2. BRIDGEWATER.—This field has been supplied forty weeks of the year. Those belonging to the church are so separated by a hill, that it seems impracticable for them to meet in one place except to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Two meetings are usually sustained on the Sabbath. At North Bridgewater the missionary has preached one-fourth of the time. A church edifice is greatly needed at the village. There seems to be little hope of their securing a minister permanently till a house of worship is built.

3. BURKE.—This little church has been made weak by emigration. The remaining members are so scattered that it requires much effort for them to assemble regularly in one place. A great cause of discouragement is the want of a house of worship.

4. CHITTENDEN.—Permanent preaching should be secured by this church. There is little hope of further growth or increase except by increased effort on the part of the church.

5. ANDOVER is a new field. The missionary laboring there writes: "There is no regular preaching in town except by myself. The first Sabbath there were at meeting about fifty; the second, eighty, and yesterday, one hundred and thirty. There are forty-seven in the Sabbath-school. The first Sabbath I had to do the singing all myself; a good choir is now being organized. They wish me to stay and preach for them a year, but, of course, I cannot do that. I wish they could have a good minister." It is one of the most trying things connected with the missionary work, that men cannot be obtained to enter such places and labor through the year.

6. DUXBURY.—The main features of this field are well known. The church do not forsake the assembling of themselves together, whether they have preaching or not.

7. EDEN has a small church, but wants a comfortable place of worship. The town is pretty thoroughly seeded with the prevailing isms of the day.

8. GUILDHALL had been without Congregational preaching for nearly two years when the itinerant missionary went there. The

blessing of God attended his labors. There were several hopeful conversions. An effort was made to secure the services of the missionary for a year. Four hundred dollars was raised by the people for this object. He has now preached for them more than nine months, with hopeful results. There is at present a prospect that they will provide a parsonage, and make some repairs on their church this season.

9. NEWBURY WEST.—Little has been done in this field the past year. It is ground which for many years was occupied solely by Congregationalists. In the absence of permanent religious influences, a diversity of views has sprung up. An effort has been made to supply them with preaching half of the time. There is some hope that it will be accomplished this summer.

10. ORANGE was supplied with preaching half of the time from the last of March till August. The whole expense was borne by the people.

11. RICHMOND remains much as it has been for two years past, with no regular ministration of the word. There is little hope of any improvement till they secure a good minister to abide with them from year to year. A student is preaching to them temporarily.

12. STRATTON.—A strong interest has been manifested by the little church in this place to have a minister with them for a season. The missionary preaches in two places, about five miles apart. The town is very much broken, and the people are scattered.

13. TOPSHAM WEST.—The people paid the missionary in full for his services last summer. As there is preaching by other evangelical denominations there, this season, it did not seem needful to supply them with the labors of an itinerant.

14. TROY was supplied one-half of the time till May by Rev. C. Scott. When he left, to give his whole time to North Troy, an itinerant was sent them. This church has suffered much loss for two years past by removals. The missionary stationed here preaches one-fourth of the time at Lowell and one-fourth at Westfield.

16. WASHINGTON has been so supplied by other evangelical denominations that it has not been deemed expedient to bestow much labor there.

17. WATERVILLE.—There are a few earnest Christians connected with this church who take a deep interest in the cause of Christ, and are hearty in their support of the missionary. He divides his time between this place and Eden.

18. WEST HAVEN.—If the church in this place and the one in East Whitehall would unite, it is believed they might support a minister well. He could preach alternately in each place.

19. WHITEHALL EAST.—A few weeks of labor have been given to this field and to West Haven. It is to be hoped that, by a union of the two, they may be permanently supplied.

SUMMARY.

IN THE ORDINARY DEPARTMENT,

Forty missionaries have been employed, performing thirty-two years of service in forty-one different churches, embracing about eighteen hundred members. They have preached on each returning Sabbath to over three thousand hearers.

Ninety-six hopeful conversions are reported. One hundred and forty-four additions have been made to the churches,—seventy-six by profession, and sixty-nine by letter. They have lost fifty-five by dismissions, deaths and exclusions,—leaving a gain of ninety members.

Eight churches have been aided the past year, that were not the year previous, viz: Brownington, Colchester, Ferrisburgh, Guildhall, Hubbardton, Morgan, Tunbridge, and the congregation worshiping at Weathersfield Bow.

The following items may be noticed as indications of outward prosperity:

The churches in Gaysville and Underhill have, during the year, assumed the entire support of their ministers. Rev. Alden Ladd has been installed over the church in Roxbury, and twelve additions have been made to its membership. The church in Stowe has enlarged its house of worship, at an expense of $1500.00, and it is believed will soon be independent of missionary aid. Some repairs have been made on the houses of worship in Lowell and Hubbardton. At Tunbridge they are taking steps to do the same. In Pomfret a Cabinet Organ has been procured for each place of worship; also one by the church in Sheldon, which is just completing a parsonage. The church in Bellows Falls has paid $600.00 of its debt, leaving only $200.00 uncancelled, besides increasing considerably their subscription for preaching. The church in Morgan, which has for several years seemed to be in a decaying state, gives indications of renewed life and activity, under the labors of Rev. A. R. Gray.

The CONTRIBUTIONS of the missionary churches afford a gratifying proof of an increased spirit of liberality, being considerably in advance of any previous year. The growth and efficiency of these churches is believed to depend much on the cultivation of a spirit and habit of be-

nevolence. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." They have contributed $3,198.26 for the great objects of Christian charity; $918.12 of it has been paid into our treasury.

One church is certainly worthy of honorable mention and imitation. Located in a small village, with only nine resident male members, and a Sabbath congregation of about one hundred, after paying almost three hundred per cent. on its grand list for the support of preaching, it has made a contribution of eighty dollars for Domestic Missions, and one hundred and fifty-three dollars for other benevolent objects. This does not seem to be the result of a spasmodic effort, for it is but little more than was given the year previous. There are only ten churches in the State that have made a larger offering to our treasury. Would that the zeal and example of the little church in Barnet might provoke many others to a like liberality!

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The same missionaries have, for the most part, been employed that were in service a year ago. The following changes have occurred:

Rev. R. B. Snowden, who labored most of the year at Ludlow, accepted a call from a church in California, and has been succeeded by Rev. J. O. Denniston. The church at Bellows Falls, which was unsupplied at the beginning of the year, has secured the services of Rev. M. A. Stevens. Rev. J. W. H. Baker has preached for some months at Island Pond, and, it is believed, will soon be settled. Worcester, which has enjoyed the labors of Rev. J. F. Stone half of the time for eighteen months past, manifests an increased interest in sustaining preaching, and has employed Rev. David Perry for the ensuing year. The missionaries laboring in Holland, Jericho Corners, and Weston, left at the close of their years, and those places are now destitute.

WANT OF MINISTERS.

There are at present fourteen feeble, though not all missionary churches, destitute of ministers or having only a temporary supply. Six others will, in all probability, be left destitute in the course of a few months. In this list are not included any of our very weak churches, but only those that have ability to do considerable for themselves, and should have permanent preaching.

Where are the men to be found who will enter these fields? They are not in the State. Correspondence has been opened with ministers in other States, and with young men about to graduate from our Theological Seminaries, with the hope of supplying this need. But there are so many wider and more promising fields desiring ministers, that the most of those adapted to labor in our missionary churches, are attracted elsewhere.

What makes our condition more alarming, is, that the great demand for laborers to go to the West and South, and the new impulse given to Home Missionary efforts, is likely to increase the scarcity of ministers which we are but just beginning to feel.

The most serious difficulty we meet with in the prosecution of our missionary work is the want of earnest, self denying ministers, who will be satisfied to go into our small parishes and toil on from year to year, for a small salary, amid the discouragements they there meet.

It is fast coming to this: that more self-denial and consecration to Christ are needed to induce men to work in the Home than in the Foreign Missionary field. As a consequence, there is likely to be a dearth of the bread of life amid surrounding plenty. A dying-out of churches, and a luxuriant growth of noxious errors over their ruins, for the lack of those who, from love to Christ, are willing to serve Him in these humble places.

The church and the ministry should be thoroughly awakened to the great want of the times, and consecrate themselves anew to the Master's service, while they cry earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to pour out his Spirit upon our young men, and annoint them for the ingathering of the fields which are already white. In connection with importunate prayer, churches and parents should consecrate their sons to this self-denying but noble and blessed work. Are there no educated young men in our churches that are willing to abandon their prospects of temporal prosperity and abundance, and make an offering of themselves to the Lord to serve Him in the work of the ministry? To-day the providence of God speaks in unmistakable accents to his church, and especially to young men, "Go work in my vineyard."

So active, in these days, are the enemies of truth and the agencies for disseminating error, that no community is safe without the stated ministrations of the word. We must keep all the divinely appointed means for saving men in active operation, or error will gain the ascendency and truth fall in the streets.

IN THE ITINERANT DEPARTMENT,

Our work has been less than during the year previous. Thirty-seven missionaries have been employed, performing one hundred and eighty-nine weeks of service in nineteen different fields.

Though our labors in this department have been somewhat less than usual, we have not been left without witness that good has been accomplished.

An itinerant missionary was sent, last August, to a church that had been without Congregational preaching for more than two years. The Spirit of the Lord attended his labors. The church was quickened, and the attention of the community directed to divine things. An ecclesiastical society was organized in connection with the church, and the missionary urged to remain with them for a year. Though an undergraduate from a Theological Seminary, he was advised, under the circumstances, to comply with their request. He did so, and as a result, under God, eighteen hopeful conversions have been reported, and eleven have been added to the church. Instances like this at Guildhall, and the one reported last year in Roxbury, show the great importance of keeping up our itinerant work.

In West Berlin a church was organized in February, composed of thirteen members. This is on ground where Father Hobart sowed the good seed for years, at a third service Sabbath evenings, and which has been more or less cultivated since his death by the Missionary Society. It is under the care of Rev. J. F. Stone.

Itinerant laborers are at present employed in South Troy, Lowell, Eden, Waterville, Richmond, West Haven, East Whitehall, Chittenden, Andover and Stratton.

COUNTY CONFERENCES.

It is to be regretted that there is so little done by our County organizations for the destitutions within their limits.

It is recommended that a Missionary Committee be appointed at the annual meetings of the several County Conferences, to visit, within the year, every feeble church, and every locality where there is no preaching by any evangelical denomination, and keep themselves so informed in regard to these places that they may be able to give definite information in respect to their wants, to the Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and assist in opening the way for itinerant or other laborers, as they may be needed. It is believed that a faithful report from such a Committee would constitute an interesting and profitable exercise in the meetings of the Conferences. In some Counties this course is being pursued, with gratifying results.

MISSIONARY WORK AMONG THE FRENCH.

At the last Annual Meeting a resolution was adopted requesting the Directors to consider the wants of the French population of the State, and, if deemed expedient, to commission a French-speaking missionary to labor among them.

Some attention has been given to this subject. There are probably nearly thirty thousand of this class of people in the State, and they are rapidly increasing, especially in Franklin and Chittenden Counties. In some towns they will soon out-number the native-born population. By displacing our own people, they are already seriously affecting the strength of some of our churches. They are almost without exception Catholics, have little social affinity with us, and are difficult to approach religiously. Very little systematic effort has been put forth by any denomination to enlighten and save them. The American and Foreign Christian Union has made some attempts to evangelize them, but with limited success. Our Baptist brethren have two churches formed among them, under the care of a French-speaking missionary, in Franklin County.

It seems plainly our duty to do what lies in our power for their spiritual good. Their need of the gospel is just as great and pressing as that of any others for whom we labor, and for whom Christ died. Though a special agency must be employed among them, they come legitimately and *providentially* within the sphere of our labors. Not only their salvation, but the best interests of religion in the State, require that we should no longer delay doing something for them. We do not flatter ourselves that we shall secure great immediate results. It will be a work of time and patience to remove prejudice, win confidence, and bring them to a knowledge of the truth. But the greater the difficulties attending the work, the more important it should be entered upon at once, before we are overrun by a Roman Catholic population, and our own churches are taken possession of by them.

A serious difficulty has been felt in securing a missionary of the requisite qualifications. Correspondence has been opened with Rev. E. N. Raymond, who was born and received his early training among the French Catholics in Canada. After becoming hopefully pious he came to Vermont, studied at Hinesburgh, was graduated at the Theological Seminary at Bangor, and has been laboring for some time past in the northern part of Maine.

If his services are secured, it is hoped that this movement will receive the hearty coöperation of the pastors and churches in whose neighborhood a beginning may be made.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Shows the total resources of the year to be $13,781.10,—which is more than $3,000.00 greater than was reported last year. Of this sum, however, about $1,300.00 was received from the payment of notes belonging to the permanent funds of the the Society, and has been re-invested

About $2,000.00 of it was received from the estate of the late Major Charles Jarvis, which was intended for permanent investment, and is not available for current expenses.

The actual receipts of the year from the churches, which can be applied to meet current expenses, have been only about $400.00 greater than the disbursements.

There has been acknowledged in the *American Home Missionary*, as received by the Parent Society from Vermont, $2,912.81.

ENLARGEMENT OF OUR WORK.

With individual exceptions, the churches in Vermont have, for the last fifteen years, confined their contributions for Home Missionary purposes entirely to our own State wants. The feeling has quite generally prevailed that, owing to the large number of our churches that have been made, and must for many years be kept feeble, by reason of the constant emigration from the State, that, so far as Home Missionary work is concerned, we are under obligation to attempt nothing beyond the supply of our own destitutions. As we are yearly sending so many of our members to found and build up churches at the West, it has been claimed that we were excusable for not sending them pecuniary aid.

Vermont has indeed done a noble work for the country in this way. Twenty-five per cent. of her native-born population go to people other States and carry with them the characters and opinions formed amid our green hills, around our firesides and in our humble country parishes. No other State, except Connecticut, has contributed so largely toward the settlement of the West, as Vermont.

The whole country, then, is interested in the moral and religious condition of our inhabitants, and in having the missionary work thoroughly done in all our towns. Our first great duty evidently is to hold Vermont for Christ, and as a recruiting-ground for churches in other States. This seems, in the providence of God, to be our mission for the present. No expense, pains, or self-denial, should be spared to do this work, and to do it efficiently. But while doing this, may we not, without in the least retarding our State work, join our sister churches of other States in aiding pecuniarily to supply the destitutions of the West and South? Are we really *unable* to do anything for the Home work beyond our own borders? Do the condition and wants of our Vermont Zion furnish any good reason why we should do nothing for the West, any more than they constitute a reason why we should do

nothing for the Foreign work? The WORLD is the field, and our duty to send the gospel *every where* is only limited by our ability.

Many of our children, relatives and former neighbors are in distant States or Territories, struggling to lay the foundations of many generations for Christ, and are looking anxiously for help from some quarter. Why should they not look back to the old homestead? Neither filial nor fraternal obligations are bounded by State lines. Are the obligations of Christian charity any more limited by them?

That we are *able* pecuniarily to do much more than we are now doing for the supply of our own destitutions, and for other parts of the country, cannot be doubtful, if we consider a single fact. During the past year nine of the counties in the State have contributed, setting aside legacies, less than four hundred dollars each to our treasury. Only one county contributed over six hundred dollars. Now is it too much to say that in several of the counties there are individual churches which could have contributed more for this object than was given by the whole county. Nay, more, are there not in some of these churches individuals or business firms,—a few examples of which we have in the State,—who could yearly give more for this cause than the churches have done of which they are members, without impoverishing themselves, or interfering with the successful prosecution of their business, or diminishing their contributions for other objects? Is not the standard of giving for Christ's sake too low, so that we do the churches a favor by inviting them to do something for the evangelization of the whole country?

In 1832 this Society voted to pay one-third of its receipts to the American Home Missionary Society. For eighteen years from that time, with a few exceptions, some appropriation was made, yearly, by this to the Parent Society. But since 1850, when an effort was made to enlarge somewhat the work in the State, we have expended all our receipts upon our own churches. Is it not time for us, while relaxing nothing from our purpose to supply all our own destitutions, to return to our earlier and more enlarged policy, and do something for the whole country?

The present seems a favorable time to make this advance. God, in his providence, is greatly enlarging the field for Home Missionary effort in the new States and Territories, and at the South. The united resources of all the churches are needed for this work. Shall not Vermont stand with her sister States in the fore-front, in doing battle for the Lord of Hosts, when He summons her to this work, as her braves have faced their country's foes in distant States upon a hundred fields of carnage? Shall we not manifest as much zeal and self-denial in bringing the whole country to render allegiance to Christ, as we have

done to make the authority of our Government supreme in all the land? Ought we, now that a new interest is felt in re-constructing our social institutions, and in re-building foundations that have been uptorn by the shock of civil war, to spare any pains to secure everywhere the presence and influence of the Gospel of Christ, that the corner-stone of the fabric be none other than the Rock of Ages!

It is earnestly recommended to every church, and to every contributor to this object, to increase, during the coming year, the amount given, so that the Directors can make a generous appropriation to the American Home Missionary Society.

One of the County Conferences, at its late meeting, voted to increase the amount raised by the churches within its limits for Domestic Missions, from about $400.00 to $800.00. Let all our churches do likewise, and bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove God therewith, if He will not pour out upon us, and upon our land, a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it.

For the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 19, 1865.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRIDPORT—Church and society. Jan. 31, $42.10; a Friend, $5	$47 10	$	$
CORNWALL—October 5, A Friend	5 00		
FERRISBURGH—Church and society, November 16	20 00		
MIDDLEBURY—Ch. and so Sept. 8, $78.25; Ladies, Oct. 5, $63.	141 25		
NEW HAVEN—Oct. 10, A Friend, $5; ch. and so., Jan. $72.28	77 28		
ORWELL—Sept. 7, A Friend, $5; Dec. 8, ch. and soc. $33	38 00		
RIPTON—Church and society, May 15	15 00		
SALISBURY—Church and society. March 11	11 00		
SHOREHAM—Aug 20, Mrs. Lot Sanford, $75; Jan. 25, church and society, to constitute Rev. W. N. Bacon, Mrs. H. E. Bacon, and Miss Laura North, Life-Members, $60	135 00		
VERGENNES—Church and society, October 21, balance	10 00		
WEYBRIDGE—Church and society, Jan. 12, to constitute Elphalet Samson, Samuel James, Jr., and Maria L. Dunning, Life-Members	69 29		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST—Church and society, May 18	19 48		
BENNINGTON 1st—Church and society, October 28	30 30		
BENNINGTON EAST—Ladies' Cent Society, June 5	21 30		
DORSET—Church and society, November 23	30 50		
MANCHESTER—Church and society, June 16	37 50		
POWNAL—Church and society, by J. Dascomb, Aug. 4, $10; December 29, $10	20 00		
RUPERT—Mrs. Patience H. Sheldon, deceased	10 00		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET—McIndoe's Falls, June 20	2 05		
BARNET—July 23, Box of Clothing and $5; church and society, June 17, $75	80 00		
BURKE—Sept. 14, $40; April 11, church and society, $20		20 00	40 00
DANVILLE—June 21, church and society	20 00		
HARDWICK—Church and society, April 30	43 40		
LYNDON—Church and society, January 30	12 00		
PEACHAM—Monthly concert, August 9, $19; Nov. 21, $25; March 26, $36.90	80 90		
RYEGATE—February 22, A Friend	3 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY 1st—Church and society, May 17	10 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY 2d—Church and society, September 8, $34; February 7, $52.55	86 55		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church and society, May 24	9 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and soc. June 20, $37.69; January 11, $58.46; February 7, $50.31; May 17, $25	171 46		
ST. JOHNSBURY—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. Feb. 14	500 00		
August, T. Fairbanks, by B. Kellogg		74 50	
March, by Rev. C. Scott	15 75		
WATERFORD—Church and society, June 21, balance	1 00		

	From Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON 1st—Church and society, July 7, balance, $1; June 14, $14.17	$15 17	$	$
For sale of Pew bequeathed by L. Noble	140 00		
CHARLOTTE—Mrs. Lydia Sheldon, Feb. 2, $10; church and society, April 28, $17	27 00		
COLCHESTER—Church and society, March 11	11 00		
ESSEX—Ch and soc. Jan. 10, $16.20; Rev. E. B. Chamberlin and wife, $6, to constitute Mr. Asa Sanderson a life-memb.	22 20		
HINESBURGH—June 21	20 00		
JERICHO CENTRE—Ch. and so. Dec. 27, $28.05, to constitute Mrs. Mary Haven a life-member; A Friend, $10; April 29, balance, $5; Female cent society, $10	53 05		
UNDERHILL—Church and society, May 18	15 00		
WESTFORD—Church and society, Jan. 8, $24.75; Jan. 30, $11; February 16, $2	37 75		
WILLISTON—Church and society, Nov. 20, $20.37; Dec. 5, $7.25, to constitute Mrs. Sarah H. Hough a life-member	27 62		
WINOOSKI—Church and society, Aug. 10, $5, less express	4 85		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
GRANBY—Church and society, June 14	4 45		
GUILDHALL—Sept. 14, $50; Reuben W. Freeman, October 18, $1; March 8, church and society, $14 50	15 50	.....	50 00
ISLAND POND—Church and society, April 18, $20 50; May 19, $14.50; Mrs. N. P. Bowman, $5	40 00		
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
BAKERSFIELD—Church and society, March 11	8 35		
BERKSHIRE EAST—Church and society, Feb. 16	11 25		
ENOSBURGH—Ch. and soc. June 21, $43.10; May 15, $40	83 10		
FAIRFIELD—July 26, Dea. H. Northrop, to const. Mrs. H. Northrop a l. m. $30; May 19, church and society, $12	42 00		
FRANKLIN—Church and society, June 21, $8; April 6, $13.40	21 40		
GEORGIA—Church and society, Feb. 7	16 00		
MONTGOMERY—July 6, Mrs. G. Gates	50		
SHELDON—Church and society, May 11	43 50		
ST. ALBANS—Church and society, October 20	130 00		
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
NORTH HERO—Church and society, December 5	20 00		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
CAMBRIDGE—June 21. Mrs. M. Turner, $1; a soldier of the 7th Vt. Volunteers, at New Orleans, $5	6 00		
EDEN—August 29	.....	.....	30 85
HYDEPARK—Church and society, May 18, to constitute Rev. J. G. Bailey a life-member	20 10		
HYDEPARK NORTH—Church and society, May 18, $15.35; A Friend, $4	19 35		
MORRISVILLE—Church and society, Aug. 27, $35; Feb. 28, Rev. L. Bartlett, $10; June 7, church and society, $25.15	73 15		
STOWE—Church and society, March 14	54 00		
WOLCOTT—Ch. and soc. Aug. 29, $3; June 15, $16	19 00		
WATERVILLE—Feb. 11, A Friend, $5; Mar. 11, A Friend, $2	7 00		
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD—Church and society, September 9	32 50		
BROOKFIELD—North church and society, December 22	2 00		
CHELSEA—Church and society, October 18	26 00		
NEWBURY—Aug. 14, S. T. Hubbard, Mass., $5; E. Haskell, Mass., $5; Oct. 18, church and society, $50; April 25, $25	85 00		
NEWBURY WEST—July 26	.....	.....	8 00
ORANGE—August 1	.....	.....	81 12
RANDOLPH WEST—Ch. and soc. June 7, $21; June 15, $1	22 00		
STRAFFORD—Church and society, June 21	18 42		
TOPSHAM EAST—July 26	.....	.....	10 00
TOPSHAM WEST—August 1	.....	.....	36 00

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
THETFORD—Church and society, December 31	$68 89	$	$
VERSHIRE—Ch. and soc. Jan. 10, $25; June 7, $29.50	54 50		
WEST FAIRLEE—Mrs. Ruby Pixley, by S. Lamphere, Oct. 18	6 00		
WILLIAMSTOWN—Ch. and soc. July, 50c.; June 14, $15.30	15 80		
WASHINGTON—P. S. Jennings, missionary service	.....	3 50	
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
ALBANY—Church and society, June 13	6 00		
BARTON—Church and society, April 29	21 30		
CHARLESTOWN WEST—Church and soc., March 16, $48; Female cent society, $12	60 00		
COVENTRY—Ch. and soc. June 21, $48; Female cent society, $7.21; July 27, $1; Sept. 30, Rev. P. H. White, $10; April 15, $10; to constit. Elijah S. Cowles, Mrs. Sarah L. Cowles, Miss Margaret E. White and Miss Jane Guild life-memb.	76 21		
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, June 8	11 50		
DERBY—Church and society, March 10	5 00		
GLOVER—Church and society, May 23	20 00		
GREENSBORO—Church and society, May 31	38 50		
HOLLAND—Church and society, July, $14; Oct. 17, Mrs. M. Montgomery, $15	29 00		
IRASBURGH—"The Lord's thank-offering"	5 00		
NEWPORT—Church and society, June 7	50 00		
TROY NORTH—Church and society, September 6	17 00		
WESTFIELD—Church and soc. March 11, $3.75; May 5, $13.75	17 50		
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
CASTLETON—Oct. 7, Female cent society, $10; Dec. 13, ch. and society, $84 35; January 30, $7.30	101 65		
CHITTENDEN—August 29, $80; April 24, $35	.....	.....	115 00
CLARENDON—Church and soc., Nov. 16, to constitute Elizabeth A. Steward a life-member	42 55		
FAIRHAVEN—Church and society, October 18	25 01		
HUBBARDTON—Church and society, June 15	14 00		
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, Dec. 1, $25; Jan. 10, $9.23, to cons. Mrs. Laura F. Sparhawk a life-memb. of A. H. M. S.	34 23		
PITTSFORD—Ch. and soc. Oct. 26, $58.50; Jan. 12, $22	80 50		
POULTNEY—Church and society, January 4	18 00		
RUTLAND—Mrs. W. Page, Oct. 26, to cons. Mrs. Julia P. Kellogg a life-member, $20; Rev. S. Aiken, $5	25 00		
SUDBURY—Dec., Dea. L. Sanders, to constitute Mrs. Mary Sanders a life-member, $20; Mrs. Sarah Smith, to constitute herself a life-member, $20; Rev H. F. Rustedt, $5; A Friend, $5; June, collection, $25	75 00		
WEST HAVEN—August 29	.....	.....	63 00
WALLINGFORD—Ch. and soc. Jan. 12, $32.53; Rev. Aldace Walker, to constitute Mrs. Edwin Martindale a l. m. $20	52 53		
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BERLIN—Ch. and soc. Jan. 30, $18 62; Feb. 15, $6.38, to constitute Rev. W. R. Joslyn a life-member	20 00		
BERLIN WEST—January 11	16 05	.....	150 00
BARRE—Jan. 25, Mrs. E. H. Evans, $5; Feb. 18, church and society, $33.81; April 29, $6.30	45 11		
CABOT—Church and society, June 26, 21.30; Oct. 21, $6	27 30		
DUXBURY—July 14, $3.50; October 18, $23.65	.....	.....	27 15
MONTPELIER—Mr. Shepherd, of Mass., $1; Miss Hern, of Mass., $1; June 1, church and society, $162.82	164 82		
NORTHFIELD—Ch. and so. July 17, $26; March 16, $11.55, to cons. Rev. W. S. Hazen a life-member of A. H. M. S.	37 55		
PLAINFIELD—Church and society, June 4	25 15		
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, February 15, $3.75; June 12, $15 50	24 25		
WATERBURY—June 8, Rev. J. G. Stimson, $100; June 14, church and society, $35	135 00		
WORCESTER—Church and society, Jan. 11, $8; June 3, $6.75	14 75		
Washington County Conference, June 13	15 97		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BRATTLEBORO CENTRE—Dec. 10, Ladies, two boxes and $25; church and society, Feb. 13, $165.96	190 96	$	$
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Feb. 13	25 83		
BELLOWS FALLS—Church and society, June 7	10 23		
FAYETTEVILLE—Church and society, February 13	12 00		
PUTNEY—Church and society	5 00		
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and society, Feb. 13, $17.50; Ladies' cent society, $13 30	30 80		
WESTMINSTER EAST—Nov. 10, Miss Jemima Holton, to constitute herself a life-member	20 00		
WINDHAM—June 21	16 50		
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
ASCUTNEYVILLE—Rev. M. Kimball	2 50		
BETHEL—Church and soc., June 7. $13 65; Rev. T H. Johnson, $11.35	25 00		
BRIDGEWATER—July 20, $71; Aug. 29, $5; Dec. 22, $75; March 26, 90			241 00
CHESTER—Church and society, June 9	15 00		
HARTFORD—Church and society, December 10	44 00		
HARTLAND—Church and society, Sept. 13, $6; June 8, $5	11 00		
LUDLOW—April 11, church and society	22 94		
NORWICH—June 21	2 00		
POMFRET—Church and society, June 21, $8; June 13, $6.60	14 60		
ROCHESTER—Church and society, December 22	15 30		
ROYALTON—June 23, balance	12 15		
WINDSOR—Church and society, to constitute Mrs. Wealthy Cubley and Miss Lucia Ann Damon life-memb. A.H.M.S.	72 65		
WOODSTOCK—Aug. Mason Ladd, $25; Jan. 23, Ladies' cent society, $15; April 4, Church and society, $59.75	99 75		
Windsor County Conference, Sept. 16, $4.30; June 9, $9.25	13 55		
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
Annual Meeting at Woodstock	88 74		
W. B. H., Holyoke, Mass., July 2		100 00	
July 15—Interest on Railroad Bonds	72 60		
July 16—Interest on Mr. Phelps's Note	19 50		
July 16—Interest on E. Davis's Note	18 00		
October 25—J. Green. Note and Interest	343 60		
October 26—Mrs. Mary Thrall, in part Legacy of Paul Townsend	40 00		
October 26—Mrs. Lydia S. Holden, in part Legacy of Paul Townsend	40 00		
October 27—Estate of Mrs. Betsey Ayre, of Bradford	96 00		
November 1—Estate of Dea. J Bingham, of Cornwall	147 50		
November 1—Mayhew Freeman's Note and Interest	440 96		
November 21—Interest on State Bonds	a2 25		
December 22—Interest on J. Bowdish's Note	9 00		
January 28—Legacy of Major Charles Jarvis, Weathersfield	190 00		
February 6—Estate of Dea J. Bingham, Cornwall	74 50		
February 14—In part Legacy of Henry B. Fisher, Colchester	316 66		
February 17—On Note of M. L. Olvord	50 20		
April 17—Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury	250 00		
June 8—Estate of Moses Perkins, Rutland	300 00		

☞ The collections paid to the Secretary at the Annual Meeting were received too late to be embraced in the present Report, which was closed and audited on the 19th inst. They will be acknowledged in the CHRONICLE, and appear in the next Annual Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. STORRS, TREASURER,

In account with Vermont Domestic Missionary Society,

		DR.	
June 19, 1865—To Balance in Treasury, June 20, 1864		$2,935 37	
To received from collections in Churches		6,311 21	
To received from Debts due, and Interest		1,444 86	
To received from Legacies		3,089 60	
			$13,781 10
		CR.	
June 19, 1865—By paid Orders of Secretary		$6,941 93	
By Loans and Investments		3,750 00	
By Balance in Treasury		3,039 17	
			$13,781 10

Most of the Loans and Investments were from funds donated to the end of using the interest only.

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

MONTPELIER, June 19, 1865.

I have examined the account of C. W. STORRS, Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, from June 20th, 1864, to this date, and find him charged with a balance in Treasury at that time of..... $2,935 27
He has received since that time..... 10,845 83

$13,781 10
During the same time he has disbursed..... 10,691 93

Leaving a balance in the Treasury of..... $3,089 17

The accounts of receipts and disbursements are correctly cast, and proper vouchers are exhibited for the charges made.

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

The Treasurer has also in his hands the following Property, Demands and Bonds belonging to the Society:

REAL ESTATE.

One-half of a Store in Waterbury, donated and deeded to the Society by J. G. Stimson, Esq.

A lot of Land in the city of Burlington, donated and deeded to the Society by John A. Page, Esq.

DEMANDS.

Note of W. M. Olvord, Jr.	$850 00
" Thomas Phelps	325 00
" Eben Davis	300 00
" W. W. Storrs	1,500 00

All of which are soundly secured by mortgages.

BONDS.

Three Vermont State bonds	$1,500 00
One United States seven and three-tenths Bond	500 00
Six United States Interest-bearing Notes	250 00
Two Passumpsic Railroad Bonds	1,500 00
One Troy and Boston Railroad Bond	1,000 00

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

Acknowledged in the Home Missionary,

As received by the American Home Missionary Society during year ending June 1, 1865, without passing through our Treasury.

ASCUTNEYVILLE—Rev. S. S. Arnold	$5 00
BENNINGTON—Dea. Stephen Bingham	2 00
BENSON—Two individuals	3 00
BRANDON—Two Friends	5 00
BURLINGTON—Luther Clark, $10; Mrs. Eliza W. Buell, $100	110 00
BROOKFIELD NORTH—A Friend	3 00
CLARENDON—Mrs. Laura C. Herrick	6 40
FAIRFIELD—Thomas Morse	5 50
GRAFTON—Church and society	13 00
GEORGIA—Ladies' Sewing society	3 50
HARTLAND—Mrs. H. Rood	5 00
HUBBARDTON EAST—Mrs. D. S. Lincoln	15 00
MIDDLEBURY—O. D. $15; C. C. S. $4	19 00
" A Life-Member, $1; Mrs. B. Parmelee, $1	2 00
MONTPELIER—Emeline H. Evans	20 00
ORLEANS COUNTY—A Friend	15 00
PEACHAM—Legacy of Mrs. Lydia C. Shedd	1,172 50
PUTNEY—Legacy of Mrs. Melinda Whitney	200 00
RUTLAND WEST—To constitute J. E. Manley and Mrs. C. Giddings Life-Members	82 00
" Luke Ward, to constitute Mrs. F. Ward and Mrs. F. E. Freeman Life-Members	80 00
SHOREHAM—Mrs. Lot Sanford, $75; Mrs. J. G. Birchard, $5	80 00
ST. ALBANS—Gyles Merrill, Jr., to constitute himself a Life-Member	30 00
" First Church, Ladies	26 51
SWANTON—Church and society, $1.50; Benevolent Society, $5	6 50
SPRINGFIELD—A. Woolson, to constitute Mrs. E. D. Parks a Life-M	30 00
THETFORD—Mrs. Solon Ladd	4 00
VERGENNES—Mrs. A. E. F. Smith	10 00
WEATHERSFIELD—Legacy of Major Charles Jarvis	950 00
WARDSBORO—Church and society	7 00
WESTMINSTER WEST—Ladies' Benevolent Society	2 00
Total	$2,903 01

LIFE-MEMBERS.

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Miss Elisabeth Holden
Rev Ebenezer Smith
Mrs C F Smith

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Dea Lewis Gilson
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Dea William Conant
†Matthew Marshall
Mrs Sophia D Pinney

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Rev Rufus S Cushman
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H R Barrows
Dea D E Boyce
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N Brooks
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Dea J Davenport
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Mrs Lydia B Merrill
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E P Stone
J M Stone
Miss Margarette D Stone
Miss Susan M Stone
Miss Mary L Stone
Dea C W Storrs
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APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

EVERY application to the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY for aid should be made by a Committee authorized to act in behalf of the Church or Society, or both. The application must contain answers to the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister to be employed?
2. What is the number of members of the church?
3. What is the amount of the grand list of the church?
4. What is the amount paid by the church for preaching?
5. What is the amount to be paid by those not belonging to the church?
6. What sum is it necessary for the Missionary Society to give, in order to sustain the minister, the whole or part of the time, as the case may be?
7. What number usually attend public worship?
8. What proportion of the church take decided ground in favor of the Temperance cause?
9. How long will it be, probably, before the church and society can sustain the administrations of the gospel without charitable aid?
10. Is the church or society in debt for past ministerial labors, or otherwise? If so, to what amount, and to whom?
11. From what date is aid asked?
12. Is aid expected from any other source?

All applications for aid should be approved by the Association, or a Committee of such body, within whose bounds they arise. Except in special cases, grants will not go back farther than the date of the application. It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society should so arrange their contracts with their minister as that the year may commence on the first of June, so that all applications for the RENEWAL OF A GRANT may be made at that time, as the Board can then act upon all such applications together at the annual meeting.

☞ It is hoped that every feeble church will preserve a copy of these directions, and invariably comply with them in every application for aid.

Address C. S. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be known by the name of the *Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.*

ART. II.—This Society shall consist of Life-Members who have paid twenty dollars at one time, of Delegates from Auxiliary Societies, and of members of the General Convention; and all persons who have contributed to the funds of the Society within a year may be received as members by vote or general acquiescence

ART. III.—The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns of this State with a preached gospel by the labors of Missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

ART. IV.—The officers of this Society shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, twelve Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. In addition to the twelve Directors, the President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Board *ex-officio.*

ART. V.—The President, and in case of his absence, the Senior Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. The Directors shall appoint and direct Missionaries, shall have the control of the funds to promote the objects of the Society, and shall make a Report at each annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall superintend the correspondence of the Society, and record the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society. The Treasurer shall keep the moneys of the Society, give bonds for the

faithful execution of the duties of his office, and make a Report at each annual meeting. The Directors may appoint Missionaries, and transact any other necessary business, by a select committee chosen from their own members. No person shall be employed as a Missionary who is not furnished with satisfactory testimonials of good Christian character and theological attainments.

ART. VI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, and addresses delivered, at such time and place as the Society, by their regulations, shall establish.

ART. VII.—The object of this Society cannot be changed, but this Constitution may be amended (on a proposal of the Directors) at any annual meeting, by two-thirds of the members present.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD.

At their late annual meeting, the Board of Directors passed the following Resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the standard rate per cent. upon their Grand Lists, which churches shall be required to pay towards supporting their own ministers, in order to be entitled to receive aid from this Society, be one hundred and twenty-five, instead of one hundred per cent. as heretofore; leaving the Executive Committee, however, with discretionary power to vary from this where peculiar circumstances shall seem to them to demand it.

2. In view of the incompetency of the salaries of the ministers of many of the aided churches: *Resolved*, That the Board will co-operate with those aided churches in increasing their minister's salary, who will increase their own subscription for his support to one hundred and fifty per cent.

The Board were led to these Resolutions by such considerations as the following, viz:

1. Owing to the increased price of labor and produce, while the Grand List remains the same, churches can pay 150 per cent. now, more easily than they could 100 per cent. in former years.

2. Many of the churches which are not aided pay as high or higher than the rate named in the above resolutions, for the support of their own ministers; and, in addition to that, contribute to the funds of this Society; and it would seem unreasonable and unjust to take their contributions and appropriate them to aid

churches which do not pay as high, or nearly as high, towards supporting the gospel among themselves.

3. It is found that those churches who voluntarily and cheerfully pay the most liberally, according to their means, for the support of the gospel, are the most prosperous, both as respects their spiritual and external affairs. And it is believed that the rate per cent. named in the resolutions, is no higher than Christians ought to tax themselves for the support of religion,—that to do much less would be to withhold more than is meet, which tendeth to both spiritual and temporal poverty.

4. The impossibility of extending operations to the numerous churches and communities which are still destitute, in our State, without greater liberality and self-denial, on the part of both the aided and unaided churches, is another strong reason, and one which, it is believed, will commend itself to every candid mind.

It is hoped that no feeble church will be disheartened in consequence of this action of the Board; but rather that they will be stirred up to greater effort, and after doing the best they can, let their case be known to the Executive Committee.

MONTPELIER, June 23, 1854.

Legacies to the V. D. M. Society.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

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Special Notice to Missionaries.

The Directors of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, having been embarrassed and retarded in their business in consequence of the negligence of some of the Missionaries to make their reports a few days before the Annual Meeting, think it expedient to pass the following Resolution:

Resolved, That it is expected and required of all Missionaries appointed by this Board to make quarterly returns; and that in all cases they return their Annual Reports to the Secretary by the first day of June; and that all who violate this rule are to expect the quarterly payment will be suspended three months.

BRANDON, June 24th, 1848.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting.

The Vermont Education Society held its Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting at Burlington, June 21st, 1865.

The President, Hon. JASON STEELE, took the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. HALE, of Poultney.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. CHANDLER was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

Rev. J. CLEMENT, D. D., Rev. M. KIMBALL and Rev. A. STEVENS were appointed a Committee of Nomination.

The Report of the Treasurer was read, showing the receipts for the year to have been $846.10, and a balance now in the hands of the Treasurer, $395.60.

The Report of the Directors was read by the Secretary *pro tem.* The acceptance of the Report was moved by Rev. P. H. WHITE, who made an address. He was followed by Rev. T. S. HUBBARD, Rev. Mr. KELLOGG, delegate to the General Convention from the Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. W. THAYER, and others.

The Report was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the *Chronicle.*

Rev. H. F. LEAVITT presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the great number of our feeble churches, and the difficulty of supplying them with the stated administration of God's word, we cordially recommend to our ministers and churches to select our most discreet and devoted laymen, and bring them forward, and after a short course of instruction, introduce them into the ministry.

The resolution was adopted.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

President—Hon. JASON STEELE.

First Vice-President—Rev. Benjamin Labaree, D. D.

Second Vice-President—Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Eldridge Mix.

Treasurer—Joseph Warner, Esq.

Auditor—Prof. W. H. Parker.

Directors—Windham Association, Rev. A. Stevens; Lamoille Association, Rev. Lyman Bartlett; North-Western Association, Rev. G. B. Tolman; Addison Association, Rev. J. T. Hyde; White River Association, Rev. B. F. Ray; Orleans Association, Rev. P. F. White; Rutland Association, Rev. H. M. Grout; Windsor Association, Rev. C. C. Torrey; Royalton Association, Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D.; Orange Association, Rev. S. McKeen, D. D.; Montpelier Association, Rev. W. H. Lord; Caledonia Association, Rev. A. Boutelle; Winooski Association, Rev. G. B. Safford; Bennington Association, Rev. R. S. Cushman.

The Report was adopted.

On motion, voted to meet at 3½ o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of Convention week next year.

JOSEPH CHANDLER, *Secretary pro tem.*

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Vermont Education Society, in behalf of the Board of Directors, submits the following Report:

The circumstances of the Education Cause appear almost wholly changed from what they were a few years ago. For some reason, or reasons, there were more young men offering themselves as students in preparation for the gospel ministry, at various degrees of advancement, than the Education Society had means to assist. The churches were urged to supply the funds lest these young men should be discouraged or led away into other pursuits.

Not much interest could be awakened in their behalf. It was argued by the friends of the Education cause that the time would come when the Church would call, and call in vain, for ministers of the gospel,—that the part of wisdom was to prepare for that day, foreseen by many, when the Congregational churches would need to enlarge their operations and extend their out-posts to a far greater extent than ever before in our own field. Probably none thought the extent to which pious young men would be turned to other pursuits, and away from the ministry, would be, at all, so great as appears to be true to-day.

The funds of the Education Societies in the country have not been greatly increased, but yet so few come forward to be aided on their way to the ministry, that they have more money than is required to pay the largest appropriations judged best to be given to students quarterly.

The trouble to-day is not so much the lack of money as of men to use it. At the very moment when the supply of acceptable ministers is unusually small, a demand exists greater than ever

before. There are many destitute fields in our own State, applying for ministers to the Home Missionary Board, which cannot be supplied. But this is nothing in comparison with the demand for suitable men to carry into the newly opening field at the South and West the Scripture polity and doctrines of Congregationalism.

Probably all have read the appeal for ministers emanating from the West, in which is shown fully the necessity for an extraordinary effort to supply our country with faithful ministers of the gospel. It seems to have been admitted in the body of that letter that New England is supplied; yet, before it went to press, it was found necessary to append a note stating that the Rev. S. Thurston, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, says: "I have been looking for several months for suitable men for sundry vacant places in Maine, but cannot find them. The Maine Society would at once employ a score of such men, but cannot find them. The Secretary for Vermont says the same thing nearly. New England is not supplied, yet it is by far better off than any other portion of the country."

The farther we go West the greater the destitution and the louder the cry for some one to preach the Word of Life. Populations of 40,000 and of 60,000 are named without a minister of the gospel of any order. If we turn to the South,—that field providentially opened for aggressive work, and on whose occupation by evangelical ministers depends so largely its future prosperity, and even loyalty,—there the demand is great enough to exhaust all the small supply now on the way to the ministry.

Where are the men to come from for all this work? is the question asked with great solicitude. It is stated that the men are not in the ministry, nor on the way to it,—that at Andover, Bangor, New Haven, Chicago, Oberlin and East Windsor, together with some Congregationalists at the Union Seminary, New-York,—there are only 215 students. Of pious students in the Colleges the number is given at 1609; the number looking forward to the ministry is only 584. And we know from past experience that of these, sickness, death and other changes will greatly reduce the sum of those who will actually enter on the work.

Mr. Tarbox puts the number of students aided by the Education Society at about 215. The beneficiaries are fewer than they have been for twenty years.

Not to dwell longer on this point of the need of ministers, the question comes up, and must be met, How shall men be supplied? Before attempting to answer this question, one point deserves profound reflection: Have we not deterred young men from entering the ministry by the exceeding uncertainty of the help extended to them? Often, while there were men, the limited means furnished by the churches for the Education cause has resulted in failure to supply them with the small quarterly stipend promised.

Therefore, if we intend to take hold of this work in earnest, a first thing to be done is greatly to enlarge the receipts of the Education Society. If there are not men near to use all the funds, let the funds be increased in order that when men are raised up by the Great Head of the Church, there may be no fear of failure to help them on.

It is a fact, without attempting to account for it, that some of our able churches in this State have for the last six or eight years done nothing for this cause. They must adopt another course, and all the churches should do something.

In addition to this, according to the recommendation of the letter of Prof. Bartlett, to which reference has been made, is the duty of effectual, fervent prayer to the Lord of the harvest for the conversion of the two thousand young men now in College, and for a new baptism of the Holy Ghost upon the thousand pious young men in College not looking to the ministry. Then both pastors and parents ought to give earnest heed to this great and growing need of the Church for ministers. They ought to impress on those under their influence their obligation to devote their talents to a work in which their God and Saviour so greatly needs their services.

The conclusion to which the Directors of the Vermont Education Society come is, that this whole subject of the preparation of young men for the ministry, and of the encouragement of pious young men to begin the work, has been criminally neglected. The churches of Vermont need to reform in this respect, and as they love the cause of Christ, make the subject one of constant and believing prayer, letting their alms be offered largely, and be had with their prayers in memorial before God. Circumstances render this a most imperative duty. If ever the command of

Christ demanded obedience for the honor of God and the good of men, to pray the Lord to send forth laborers into his harvest, it does so now. But of what avail can prayers be, coming from hearts which have nothing to give to show them to be sincere?

It cannot but be true that any pastor who neglects to instruct his people in regard to their duty to this cause, fails in an important duty to them, to the world, and to the Redeemer of men.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Directors,

GEORGE P. TYLER, *Secretary.*

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ANNUAL REPORTS WANTED.

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention meets on the 3d Tuesday in June, annually. The Assembly's Shorter Catechism is its doctrinal standard. It is constituted as follows:

Each County Conference may send three delegates, one minister and two laymen. Each Association may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every four ordained resident ministers. The permanent officers of Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the parish, delegates to and from foreign bodies, Chairmen of Committees who have to report, the Secretaries of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and Vermont Education Society, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and to lead in discussions, are also members *ex officiis*. The officers of the Convention are chosen annually. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of the Convention.

Place of next meeting, St. Albans, June 18, 1867.

MINUTES.

The General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont met at the Congregational Church, in Newbury, June 19th, 1866.

The opening Sermon was preached by Rev. LEWIS O. BRASTOW, of St. Johnsbury, from Acts i. 8.

The following Delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members of the Convention, viz:

Windham Association.—Rev. Messrs. JOSEPH CHANDLER, ALFRED STEVENS, F. J. FAIRBANKS.

Bennington Association.— ——— ———.

Rutland Association.—Rev. Messrs. HENRY M. GROUT, W. T. HERRICK, SILAS AIKEN, D. D.

Windsor Association.— ——— ———.

White River Association.—Rev. Messrs. CHARLES W. CLARK, JONATHAN CLEMENT, D. D., WM. SEWALL, HORACE WELLINGTON.

Royalton Association.—Rev. Messrs. DANIEL WILD, C. C. TORREY, J. B. GRISWOLD.

Addison Association.— ——— ———.

Orange Association.—Rev. Messrs. SILAS MCKEEN, D. D., LEONARD TENNEY.

Montpelier Association.—Rev. Messrs. DAVID PERRY, WM. S. HAZEN, WM. R. JOYSLIN, ALDEN LADD.

Lamoille Association.—Rev. HORACE HERRICK.

Winooski Association.—Rev. Messrs. L. H. ELLIOTT, ARCHIBALD FLEMING, C. E. FERRIN, S. L. BATES.

North-Western Association.—Rev. Messrs. A. B. SWIFT, GEORGE F. WRIGHT, E. J. COMINGS, GEO. B. TOLMAN.

Caledonia Association.—Rev. Messrs. M. B. BRADFORD, JOSEPH UNDERWOOD, H. M. HOLLIDAY.

Orleans Association.—Rev. Messrs. A. A. SMITH, S. R. HALL, L. L. D., R. V. HALL, J. P STONE, E. P. WILD.

Lancaster Association.— ——— ———.

Addison Conference.— ——— ———.

Caledonia Conference.—Rev. J. TORREY, JR., Dea. WM. SANBORN.

Chittenden Conference.—Rev. AUSTIN HAZEN, Dea. J. F. BINGHAM, Dea. J. BASS.

Essex and Coos Conference.— ——— ———.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference.—Rev. C. B. CADY, Dea. S. H. DOW, Bro. C. H. BULLARD.

Lamoille Conference.—Rev. J. G. BAILEY, Dea. JOHN TERRILL, Bro. LUCIUS DUTTON.

Orange Conference.—Rev. S. M. PLIMPTON, Bro. DANIEL COLT.

Orleans Conference.—Rev. A. W. WILD, Dea. J. F. SKINNER.

Rutland and Bennington Conference.—Rev. GEO. S. WOODHALL, Hon. JOEL W. AINSWORTH.

Washington Conference.—Rev. WM. H. LORD, Bro. J. G. STIMSON.

Windham Conference.— ——— ———.

Windsor Conference.— ——— ———.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Conference of Maine.—Rev. CALVIN CHAPMAN.

General Association of New Hampshire.—Rev. H. A. HAZEN.

General Association of Massachusetts.—Rev. ROBERT CRAWFORD, D.D.

MEMBERS—EX-OFFICIIS.

Register—Rev. ALDACE WALKER.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON.

Preacher—Rev. LEWIS O. BRASTOW.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. H. N. BURTON.

Leaders in Discussion and Essayists—Revs. J. Q. BITTINGER, C. B HULBERT, GEO. P. TYLER, D. D., SILAS AIKEN, D. D., PLINY H. WHITE.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

General Association of New York—Rev. M. A. GATES.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—Rev. B. F. RAY.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. P. F. BARNARD.

Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. N. BISHOP.

General Association of Indiana and Illinois—Rev. EDWIN WHEELOCK.

The Convention was organized by the choice of

Rev. GEO. P. TYLER, D. D., of Brattleboro', *Moderator.*

Rev. A. W. WILD, of Greensboro', *Scribe.*

Rev. F. J. FAIRBANKS, of Westminster, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Rules of the Convention and the docket of business were read by the Register.

Voted, That the hours of meeting be: 8.30 A. M., 2 P. M., and 7.30 P. M., and the hours of adjournment be 12 M., and 5 P. M.

Convention then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2 o'clock.

Appointed Dea. Freeman Keyes Auditor of the Fairbanks Boards.

The following Committees were appointed, viz:

Committee of Overtures—Rev. Messrs. S. M. Plimpton, Joseph Chandler, A. Fleming, Bro. J. G. Stimson, Dea. Wm. Sanborn.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies—Rev. Messrs. H. M. Grout, Austin Hazen, Dea. S. H. Dow.

Committee on Abatements—Rev. Messrs. Geo. B. Tolman, M. B. Bradford, William Sewall.

Committee to make Arrangements for next meeting—Rev. Messrs. Alfred Stevens, J. Torrey, Jr., L. O. Brastow.

The Convention listened to the reports of Delegates to Foreign Bodies.

The following persons were appointed Committee on Credentials for the next five years, viz:

Addison Association—Rev. H. F. Leavitt; *Bennington Association*—Rev. James Anderson; *Caledonia Association*—Rev. John Eastman; *Lamoille Association*—Rev. Horace Herrick; *Lancaster Association*—Rev. Jeremiah Glines; *Montpelier Association*—Rev. Wm. H. Lord; *North-Western Association*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Orange Association*—Rev. H. N. Burton; *Orleans Association*—Rev. R. V. Hall; *Royalton Association*—Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D.; *Rutland Association*—Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D.; *White River Association*—Rev. Jonathan Clement, D. D.; *Windham Association*—Rev. Alfred Stevens; *Windsor Association*—Rev. Moses Kimball; *Winooski Association*—Rev. Geo. B. Safford.

The following persons were appointed Receivers for five years, viz:

Addison Conference—Rev. C. B. Hulbert; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. E. C. Cummings; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. Geo. B. Safford; *Essex and Coos Conference*—Rev. Jeremiah Glines; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. Geo. B. Tolman; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. Lyman Bartlett; *Orange Conference*—Rev. Charles Duren; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. Wm. A. Robinson; *Rutland and Bennington Conference*—Rev. H. M. Grout; *Washington Conference*—Rev. Wm. S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. F. J. Fairbanks; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. Wm. Sewall.

Rev. Charles W. Clark was appointed Reporter for the White River Association in the place of Rev. E. H. Byington, resigned.

The Fairbanks Board of Education presented their Report, which was accepted and committed to the Auditor.

The following Committee on Assessments was appointed, viz:

Rev. J. P. Stone, Rev. Horace Herrick, Dea. J. F. Bingham.

The Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle* then presented the following Report, which was accepted and made the special order for to-morrow at 8½ o'clock, A. M., viz:

REPORT

Of the Committee to consult with the Editors of the Chronicle, to the General Convention of the Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont:

THE undersigned, Committee of the General Convention on the VERMONT CHRONICLE, take this method to lay before you the result of their action.

On the 11th day of December, A. D. 1862, Mr. Bishop, then editor and proprietor of the Chronicle, sold that paper to Lyman J. McIndoe, of Windsor. "The indenture made and concluded between Nelson Bishop, of Windsor, of "the first part, and Lyman J. McIndoe, of Windsor, of the second part, wit- "nesseth:" "That the party of the first part, in consideration of the agreements "to be performed by the party of the second part, hereinafter named, doth here- "by sell and transfer to said party of the second part, the following described "property, viz:" [Here follows a description of the property pertaining to the Chronicle.] "The said party of the second part further agrees to employ the "said party of the first part, for the term of three years from said first day of "January next, to edit the said Vermont Chronicle, and to give him, as such "editor, control and direction of the editing of said paper for the time afore- "said. * * And the said party of the second part hereby further agrees that, in "case of the decease of the said party of the first part before the expiration of "the aforesaid time of three years, *and thereafter, in the future*, the said "Chronicle shall be edited by some person duly approved by a Committee, ap- "pointed by the General Convention of the Congregational Ministers and "Churches of Vermont, on the Vermont Chronicle."

Near the termination of Mr. Bishop's engagement, your Committee requested Mr. McIndoe to fulfil his contract and appoint an editor they should approve. He consented to do so, but made no attempt to comply with his agreements, or his assurances to the Committee. On the 5th of February last, we again called his attention to his obligation, and sought to put him under a written agreement, that should give us satisfactory assurance that he would carry out his original contract in good faith. He declined entirely to give the Committee any written or verbal assurance to this effect, stating in explicit terms that he "invested "$3,000 in the Chronicle in order to obtain control of it; that control he now "had: that control he never would relinquish, so help him ——."

We were satisfied, from our interview with Mr. McIndoe, that the Vermont Chronicle had passed completely and forever out of the hands of our Convention and Churches. We were satisfied that the present proprietor was determined to break the stipulation of his contract, and to use the Chronicle, in connection with his other papers, for his own interest—irrespective of the relation it had always sustained to our Convention—of the wishes of our Ministers and Churches, and of his own agreements. We were also reluctantly compelled to regard it as no longer the time-honored organ of our denomination in this State, but simply as the private speculation of Mr. McIndoe. Having repudiated his obligations, he has no moral or legal claim to our support, and no right to represent our churches.

Meanwhile, knowing this state of facts, various Associations, and influential ministers and laymen, have desired the Committee to make arrangements for the publication of a new religious paper which shall be the organ of our denomination in this State. The Committee have not felt authorized to do this, but have concluded to submit the foregoing statement to the ministers and churches—to publish it before the meeting of the General Convention, in order that the delegates to the Convention may take the subject into consideration, and come prepared to represent the opinions of the churches in respect to the establishment of another paper. And in case it should be the general wish and purpose to surrender the Chronicle wholly to Mr. McIndoe, without any further attempt to secure his compliance with his agreements, and to establish a new paper that shall more fairly represent our denomination, the Commitee would suggest the following resolutions for the consideration and action of the Convention. If the Convention determine to establish a new paper, it will be necessary to take some action as is proposed in them:

Resolved, That the Committee of the General Convention, to be appointed for this purpose, proceed immediately to make arrangements for the publication of a new religious paper, to be the organ of the Congregational Churches of Vermont, and that we pledge our cordial co-operation and aid in this enterprise.

Resolved, That the same Committee be authorized to raise by subscription, or in such way as they may deem best, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, to be used in defraying the expenses of establishing a new paper, and that the subscribers to such a fund may form a company for the publication of a paper, to be the organ of our Churches, which company shall be in correspondence with this Convention, through its Committee, and shall be subject to such rules as may be mutually agreed upon between them. And the Convention pledges its co-operation with said company so long as it shall act in correspondence and harmony with the aforesaid Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE P. TYLER,
T. FAIRBANKS,
W. H. LORD,
JAMES T. HYDE.

Brattleboro', May 24, 1866.

Convention took a recess of five minutes.

The Auditor returned the Report of the Fairbanks Board of Education with his signature. The Report was then adopted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

REPORT.

To the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont.

THE FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD respectfully present their Tenth Annual Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury as reported last year,		$266 99
Interest and premium on investments,		604 70
Interest on loan,		12 30
		$883 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Chairman's postage,	99	
" Beneficiaries, (as per schedule,)	585 00	
In the Treasury,	298 00	$883 99

In compliance with the rule of the Convention, which requires "once in five "years the Board shall report in what securities the funds under their care are "vested, and how the same are secured, and what the securities are worth," we should state that there are in the hands of the Trustees of the University of Vermont, secured by mortgage on real estate,..... $5,700
In Vermont State Bonds,..... 4,000
In United States 7-30 Bonds,..... 300

Which securities are supposed to be worth..... $10,000

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALDACE WALKER, *Chairman.*
WM. W. THAYER, *Treasurer.*

SCHEDULE OF BENEFICIARIES.

Names.	*Place of Study.*	*Age.*	*Amount.*
D. D. MARSH	Dartmouth College	23	$20 00
WEBSTER PATTERSON . . .	Dart. Coll. and Andover Theo. Sem.	24	80 00
M. O. HARRINGTON	Peacham Acad. and Amherst College	21	105 00
A. W. CLARK	Univ. of Vt. and Union Theo. Sem. .	24	80 00
CHARLES A. WHITE	Monson (Mass.) Academy	23	80 00
MERRITT B. PAGE	Chicago Theological Seminary . . .	24	80 00
EDWARD T. HOOKER	Chicago Theological Seminary . . .	28	80 00
AZEL W. HAZEN	Theological Institute of Conn . . .	25	40 00
EDWARD P. BUTLER	Essex Academy	18	20 00
			$585 00

A Discussion followed, according to appointment, upon "Doctrinal Standards of Church Membership." Opened by Rev. J. Q. Bittenger and Rev. C. R. Hulbert, and was participated in by various members of the Convention.

A Resolution was introduced, and after various discussion and amendment, adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the doctrinal standards of church membership, adopted and held by the Congregational Churches of this State, and those recommended by the National Congregational Council, should be more earnestly maintained and defended; and that thus the efficiency, the purity, and the peace of our churches would be greatly promoted, and the cause of Christ be extended in our State.

The following Committee were appointed to nominate the Fairbanks Boards, viz: Rev. Messrs. C. E. Ferrin, Silas McKeen, D. D., Wm. H. Lord.

Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened with Singing and Prayer.

A Discussion on the following subject was introduced by Rev. Messrs. Geo. P. Tyler, D. D., and Jonathan Clement, D. D., viz: "The belief in the Trinity necessary to Christian Character, Comfort, and Life."

Voted, That the matter of introducing agents of benevolent societies to the Convention be left to the Committee of Overtures.

After Prayer, and Singing of the Doxology, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention opened with Prayer, after which the roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Voted, That a tax of $375.00 be assessed upon the Conferences for printing the Minutes of the Convention.

The reply of Secretary Seward to resolutions passed at the last session of the Convention was then read. Rev. James Laird was appointed Reporter for the Lancaster Association, vice Rev. Wm. Sewall.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone the Report of the Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle*.

Voted, That no Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle* be appointed for the ensuing year.

Voted, To appoint the following Committee to confer with the Editor of the *Vermont Chronicle*, and report during the present session, viz:

Rev. Jonathan Clement, D. D., Rev. Silas Aiken, D, D., Bro. J. G. Stimson.

At 9.30 the Convention took a recess to attend the Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

In the afternoon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Lewis Grout, and Rev. Calvin Chapman.

The Convention being called to order, it was voted to take a recess at 4 o'clock, to give place to the Anniversary of the Vermont Education Society.

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution:

Whereas, This Convention, at its session in 1864, commended the American Missionary Association and its work to the confidence and generous aid of all our churches; and the National Congregational Council, one year since, passed a series of resolutions in its favor, recommending it as the organization which has no superior in its adaptation to work successfully for the Freedmen, and that $250,000 be raised for its use the year ensuing—only a part of which has been furnished, while the whole was greatly needed,—therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, it is exceedingly important that our ministers and churches should concentrate their contributions for the benefit of the Freedmen, and pay them over to the American Missionary Association, and not suffer them to be turned aside by the agents of any other of the numerous organizations professing to have mainly the same object in view.

The Committee recommended that Rev. C. L. Woodworth be allowed fifteen minutes to speak on the resolution,—which was granted.

The resolution was adopted. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers, reported, which report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Fairbanks Fund for the Relief of Ministers, present the following report of the Treasurer, showing the receipts and payments made by our order, and the balance remaining in his hands at date.

FAIRBANKS FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH J. G. STIMSON, TREASURER, DR.

1865—June 20.	Balance in my hands		$331 47
" 26.	Interest on S. R. Huse's Note		120 00
Sept. 23.	" S. Ridley's Note		174 00
Dec. 1.	" State Bonds		60 00
1866—Jan. 1.	" P. V. Manuel's Note		109 50
" 1.	Bought State Bonds at discount		10 00
" 27.	Interest on P. Gillett's Note		66 00
June 1.	" State Bonds		75 00
" 19.	" Monies		20 93
			$966 90

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1865—Oct. 19,	Paid Rev. C. Walker and Rev. H. F. Leavitt, expenses to Annual Meeting	$10 30	
" 20.	Paid appropriations to A. G. Pease	50 00	
" " "	" S. Morgan	50 00	
" " "	" O. S. Hoyt	100 00	
" " "	" C. B. Drake	100 00	
" " "	" S. Williams	150 00	
" " "	" O. D. Allis	100 00	
" " "	" Telegram 67—Stamps 40	1 07	$561 37
1866—June 19.	Balance in Treasury		$405 53

To the balance is to be assessed the interest on the following notes and bonds:

S. R. Huse,	note	$2,000 from June 26, 1865,	$117 67
Samuel Ridley,	note	2,900 from Sept. 23, 1865,	125 13
E. W. Case,	note	600 from July 23, 1865,	32 60
J. B. Parker,	note	500 from Nov. 13, 1865,	18 83
R. I. Barber,	note	1,500 from April 21, 1866,	15 00
State Bonds,	note	2,500 from June 1, 1866,	7 91
			$317 14

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

The foregoing statement of our Treasurer contains an accurate exhibit of the several sums appropriated by us as a Committee of the Fairbanks Fund for the relief of "disabled and needy clergymen," and of the names of the persons to whom such appropriations were made.

CHARLES WALKER, *Chairman.*
H. F. LEAVITT, *Secretary.*

June 19, 1866.

NEWBURY, June 20, 1866.

I have examined the above account and find the several items well vouched and correct. F. KEYES, *Auditor.*

Voted, That the Convention re-affirm the resolutions adopted in 1849, in regard to hearing addresses from agents of benevolent societies, and that the Register be instructed to communicate those resolutions to the principal societies, not more than a fortnight before the next session of the Convention.

After Singing and Prayer, Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., read an Essay upon "The Duties of the Churches in respect to Infant Baptism."

Remarks by several individuals.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21.

MORNING SESSION.

Opened with Prayer, calling of the roll, and reading of the Minutes.

After correction, the Minutes were approved.

Voted, That all who find it necessary to leave the Convention by the 10 o'clock train, have permission to do so.

The Committee to nominate the officers of the Fairbanks Boards made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. Aldace Walker, Rev. W. W. Thayer, Rev. Henry P. Hickok, Rev. E. H. Byington, John C. Emery, Esq.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., Hon. Jason Steele, J. G. Stimson.

The Register read a communication setting forth the wants of the Congregational church in Washington City, and the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the effort now being made by the Congregational church and society recently formed in the Capital of our country, to secure for themselves a house of worship, as demanded by the interests of Congregationalism, as well as by the religious necessities of Congregationalists who may have a temporary home there; and we feel that they should have aid in this enterprise from those in this State who love the Puritan form of worship.

The Committee to nominate delegates to Foreign Bodies made the following report, which was adopted:

General Conference of Ohio—Rev. C. B. Hulbert, primary; Rev. L. A. Austin, substitute.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. P. S. Pratt, primary; Rev. R. S. Cushman, substitute.

General Association of Indiana and General Association of Illinois—Rev. S. F. Drew, primary; Rev. H. M. Holliday, substitute.

Vermont Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Lyman Bartlett, primary; Rev. Horace Herrick, substitute.

General Association of Michigan—Rev. James Laird, primary; Rev. Henry Holmes, substitute.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. A. B. Dascomb, primary; Rev. C. M. Winch, substitute.

General Association of Iowa, and General Association of Kansas—Rev. E. J. Comings, primary; Rev. A. B. Swift, substitute.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D., primary; Rev. Leonard Tenney, substitute.

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, and Oregon Association—Rev. A. A. Smith, primary; Rev. J. W. H. Baker, substitute.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. T. S. Hubbard, primary; Rev. S. Sparhawk, substitute.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. Walker, primary; Rev. W. S. Smart, substitute.

General Association of New York—Rev. E. H. Byington, primary; Rev. Wm. Sewall, substitute.

Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. A. Stevens, primary; Rev. J. Chandler, substitute.

General Association of California, and Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. Moses Kimball, primary; Rev. A. Spaulding, substitute.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. C. E. Ferrin, primary; Rev. E. N. Raymond, substitute.

Voted, That the Vermont Education Society be allowed to hold its anniversary hereafter on Wednesday evening of the session of the Convention.

Voted, That the 3d article of the Report of the Committee last year to modify the order of exercises of this Convention be so amended as to read: "These essays shall be read, one on Wednesday afternoon," instead of "evening."

The Committee to make arrangements for the next meeting, reported as follows, viz:

Place of meeting—St. Albans.

Preacher—Rev. E. H. Byington; substitute—Rev. H. M. Grout.

First Discussion—The law of benevolence, given in the Levitical Code, is binding in its spirit on the Christian Church. Rev. C. C. Parker, Rev. C. C. Torrey, primaries; Rev. E. I. Carpenter, Rev. Leonard Tenney, substitutes.

Second Discussion—The burdens of supporting the Gospel at home, and spreading it abroad, should be equalized between the stronger and the weaker churches. Rev. E. C. Cummings, Rev. C. E. Ferrin, primaries; Rev. Wm. Sewall, Rev. Lyman Bartlett, substitutes.

First Essay—The vital connection between Christian belief and Christian life.—Rev. W. H. Lord, primary; Rev. Geo. B. Safford, substitute.

Second Essay—Every Christian an evangelist. Rev. Joseph Chandler, primary; Rev. Lewis Francis, substitute.

The report was adopted.

The Convention then received the fraternal salutations of various Corresponding Bodies. Delegates from the General Conference of Maine and the General Associations of Massachusetts and New Hampshire presented the salutations of their respective bodies, to which the Moderator responded.

Letters were read by the Corresponding Secretary from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; General Association of Connecticut;

General Conference of Ohio; Congregational Union of Canada; and the General Conference of Missouri.

Ordered, That the General Conference of Missouri and the General Conference of Massachusetts be added to our list of corresponding bodies.

Rev. Geo. P. Tyler, D. D., was appointed Delegate to the General Conference of Massachusetts, and Rev. Matthew A. Gates to the General Conference of Missouri.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was then presented, and adopted.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Editor of the *Vermont Chronicle* made their report. The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

[The report of the Committee consisted of a document signed by the publisher of the *Chronicle*, which is appended to the Minutes.]

The Committee on Assessments reported as follows, viz:

Addison Conference	$39 20
Caledonia Conference	35 75
Chittenden Conference	29 29
Essex and Coos Conference	3 75
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	23 75
Lamoille Conference	8 98
Orange Conference	37 07
Orleans Conference	20 96
Rutland and Bennington Conference	59 21
Washington Conference	27 47
Windham Conference	41 19
Windsor Conference	48 75
Total	$375 37

The report was adopted.

Adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

The Treasurer made his report. The report was accepted, the following Conferences being delinquent, viz: Essex and Coos $6,60; Chittenden, $7,26.

The following Committee was appointed to publish the minutes of the Convention, viz: Rev. E. H. Byington, Rev. Wm. H. Lord, and Rev. A. W. Wild.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by this Convention to make examination of the various hymn and tune books, with a view to a selection of that best adapted to use in our churches, to report at the next meeting of the Convention.

The Committee was constituted as follows: Rev. J. Chandler, Rev. E. Mix, Rev. Geo. F. Wright, Rev. S. L. Bates, Rev. George B. Tolman.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Convention are hereby presented to the citizens of Newbury for their generous hospitality in entertaining its members at their houses in this region of beauty; also, to the Railroad companies which have, at reduced fares, brought us to the Convention.

Resolved, That the Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle*, for the past year, having faithfully discharged their duty under peculiarly trying circumstances, and having, with considerable labor and expense to themselves, done much in this matter to promote the interests of the Congregational churches of the State, receive the thanks of this Convention.

An Essay was then read, on "*The Ecclesiastical History of Vermont*," by Rev. Pliny H. White.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Convention hereby express its hearty approval of the present plans and objects of the Congregational Board of Publication, and we cannot doubt that this Board, conducted as it is on a broad biblical basis, will greatly aid our ministry in diffusing among our churches our distinctive doctrines and ecclesiastical polity, together with a popular religious literature, emanating from those doctrines, all tending to elevate them to a higher standard of piety and Christian enterprize.

Voted, That the Register, should he judge it best, be authorized to call the Convention, for the next year, by means of Circulars addressed to the ministers.

The Minutes were read and approved.

After singing the Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced, and the Convention adjourned.

GEO. P. TYLER, *Moderator*.

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COPY OF AGREEMENT,

Made by the Publisher of the Chronicle, with Committee of Convention.

For the satisfaction of the Vermont Convention, and the Ministers and Churches represented therein, and to fulfil the agreement hitherto existing in regard to the editing of the Vermont Chronicle, which in times past has been regarded and patronized by said ministers and churches as the religious paper of Vermont, I hereby engage, without delay, to associate with myself, in conducting said paper, as co-editor, a gentleman who shall be acceptable to a Committee appointed by said Convention; which co-editor shall have entire supervision of the religious character and contents of said paper.

L. J. McINDOE.

Newbury, June 21, 1866.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

BEFORE we proceed to consider the condition of our churches, it is fitting that we should pay a tribute to the memory of the only pastor who has finished his work, and been permitted to enter upon his reward, during the year.

Rev. ASAPH BOUTELLE was born in Fitchburg, Mass., October 7, 1804. He was graduated at Amherst College, in 1828, and at the Seminary at Andover three years later. He was ordained to the ministry at Bradford, Mass., September 26, 1831, and went to the State of Ohio as a Home Missionary. After preaching in various places for twelve years he became pastor of a church at Alexandria, Ohio, June 15, 1843. He was dismissed in 1847, and installed as pastor at Lunenburg, Mass. in 1849. He was dismissed in January 1851, and installed at Peacham, Vt., February 13, of that year. He continued the pastor of that church until his death, which occurred January 12, 1866.

Mr. Boutelle was a good preacher, a faithful pastor, and an exemplary Christian man. He secured the permanent esteem and respect of his own people and of his clerical brethren; and during his long ministry of more than thirty-four years, he labored faithfully for the Master.

With this exception, it is believed that the two hundred ministers, who were reported in our Minutes last year, are all still numbered among the living.

Two of our churches, those at Cuttingsville and Mt. Holly, are stricken from the list. The Reporter from the Rutland Association states, that "in the opinion of the Association, they are dead."

As no new churches have been formed during the year, this leaves the number of our churches 191, two less than a year ago.

Three hundred and thirty-seven members of our churches are reported as having died during the year. If these reports are accurate, the mortality has been less than two per cent.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

There have been a number of changes in the location of ministers. The pastors at Cornwall, Williston, Swanton, Berlin, Waterford, and Chester, have been dismissed. Adding to these the one who has been removed by

death, seven churches have been left without pastors during the year. One of these has secured a pastor, four have stated supplies, and two are unsupplied.

The churches in Weathersfield Centre, Brandon, Bristol, Randolph, Williston, Winooski, Bakersfield, Craftsbury, Barton, Brighton, St. Johnsbury 1st, and Guildhall, twelve in all, have secured pastors during the year. Eleven of these churches were without pastors a year ago, and some of them had permitted the pastoral office to remain vacant for many years.

The number of pastors reported is eighty, and stated supplies seventy-seven, making the number of ministers in active service one hundred and fifty-seven. To these we should add fifty-three ministers who are without charge, making the whole number of ministers reported two hundred and ten.

SEASONS OF RELIGIOUS INTEREST.

Thirty-two of our churches report that they have enjoyed seasons of considerable religious interest, eleven on the west side of the State, and twenty-one on the east. A few of these seasons are designated as revivals.

In the 1st church in Bennington there has been considerable religious interest, having an intimate connection with the observance of the week of prayer. There has been "no preaching except by the pastor, and there have been no extra meetings except prayer meetings and inquiry meetings at the pastor's house. Fourteen united with the church on profession of their faith on the first Sabbath in May." There have been "a few hopeful conversions at Manchester," and a good degree of interest is felt to evangelize the town through the agency of a Young Men's Christian Association.

The pastor of the church at Wallingford writes: "At the commencement of the new year our church and the Baptist church united in observing the week of prayer. As there was an evident and increasing interest developed, it was thought best to continue the union meetings, which were held thereafter on two evenings of the week besides Sabbath evenings. The state of feeling also soon called for a weekly inquiry meeting. The Spirit of the Lord has been evidently with us during the winter and spring, and has not yet departed from us. In looking to the instrumentalities which have been relied on to promote this work of grace, mention should be made of the female prayer meeting. The sisters of the church have almost all been interested and active in these meetings, and a greatly increased spirit of prayer and of consecration has been developed in the church. Twenty-two have been added to our church by profession, all of them married people but three. The Congregationalists and Baptists have worked together without

any interruption of harmony, the Baptist minister having taken his full share of the work, and labored with great ability and fidelity."

At West Rutland, also, special religious interest is said to exist, but no particulars are given. "In March and April there was an unusual interest in the church in Middlebury, resulting in the hopeful conversion of quite a number of young people and heads of families, none of whom have yet united with the church."

The reporter of Winooski Association writes that the recent meeting of the County Conference "was unusually interesting. The reports from the churches were very favorable. In almost every church there is some evidence of the Spirit's presence." "There have been a few hopefel conversions in connection with the first church in Burlington. There is still much interest among the young men of the congregation." Rev. Mr. Earl is now preaching in the various churches of the city, and there are indications of an extensive work of grace.

At Jericho there was unusual religious interest in the latter part of the winter; and there have been a few hopeful conversions. At Hinesburgh there has been unusual religious interest for several months. The pastor writes, "Some youth have begun a life of prayer. How many will prove faithful to the end we cannot say. The unveiling of the reconciled face of the Saviour to the inquiring sinner has been so gentle that none of us could announce the hour of his coming." "In Westford, where everything connected with the church has been so dark and unpromising, there is now an interesting state of things. There have been some ten or twelve hopeful conversions among the young, and about thirty have requested to be made the objects of prayer. Father Parmelee, who is preaching in Georgia, is still bearing "fruit in old age." He reports a number of hopeful conversions, and an evident moving of the church and community by God's Spirit.

At Bakersfield "there has been an extensive and thorough revival of religion, resulting, it is believed, in the conversion of at least fifty souls. It commenced with the "week of prayer," and was shared about equally by the two religious denominations." The pastor writes: "As a result of this revival, twenty have united with the Methodist church, and twenty with the Congregational church, and there are several more who are expecting to unite with us soon. Of the twenty who have united with us, eleven are married men, settled in this place—four of them upwards of fifty years of age. Meetings were held nearly every evening for six weeks in the winter. A portion of the time there was preaching. Conviction of sin was very pungent, and the experience of the greater number was very decided. The work has been such as to change materially the moral aspects of the place.

The persons brought under the influence of the work of grace, are the ones who are very soon to give tone and character to the sentiment of the town." It is added that there is still a good degree of religious interest.

The pastor of the church at Brattleboro' West writes, "The week of prayer was observed with great interest, and meetings were continued every evening for three or four weeks. Of the hopeful converts only two have joined the church, but there are several others of whom there is hope."

An interesting revival is reported at Townshend East, but no further account of it is given. From Townshend West we learn of "more than usual religious interest, dating from the month of January,—deep seriousness among the young people, and some fifteen hopeful conversions." From Westminster East we learn that they enjoyed the "special presence of the Spirit during the winter. There was an unusual spirit of prayer, and some twelve or fifteen were converted as we hope."

From Windham we learn of an "increase of religious interest following the week of prayer, the church revived, family altars erected, backsliders reclaimed, and a few hopeful conversions;" and of Wilmington it is said, "the church has prospered in an unusual degree during the year; there have been many conversions, among which have been some of the prominent citizens of the place."

At Windsor a religious interest was developed at the union meetings during the week of prayer, which has pervaded the whole community, and resulted in the quickening of the churches, and the hopeful conversion of some twenty or more of the young people, connected with the two congregations, which were chiefly affected by the work of grace.

The church at Norwich has received a gentle, but none the less powerful, refreshing from the presence of the Lord. It was prepared for by the meeting of the Circular Conference in the month of December, when the church was somewhat quickened. During the week of prayer the meetings were full and solemn. Souls were converted. "A church fast was appointed, the church covenant renewed," and a committee visited the families of the church and congregation. These, with meetings for inquirers and for conference and prayer, were the only means employed. More than thirty hope that they have recently found the Saviour. Twenty-four were received to the church in May on profession of their faith, and the meetings were never more interesting than now.

The church at Bridgewater is enjoying more religious interest than it has had for many years. Meetings are largely attended, and every Sabbath sees an increase. A class of young people, who have formerly been far from manifesting any interest in religious things, are numbered among the inquirers, and there have already been two hopeful conversions.

There was a very interesting work of grace during the winter at Waitsfield. The faith of the church had been developing rapidly during the autumn, and there was much of a spirit of grace and supplication. During the week of prayer there were many inquiring to know the way of salvation. The whole work seemed to be directly connected with prayer. The Spirit of God wrought powerfully, and the revival has given a new character to the church and community. Thirty-five have already united with the church, among whom are a number of men in mature life who occupy a prominent position in the community.

The pastor at Montpelier writes: "There has been considerable religious interest here the past winter; meetings have been fully attended, and there has been a general seriousness in the church and society. We are dislodged from the old church, but the Spirit of Christ makes our new place of assembling a very Bethel." The pastor of the church at Stowe writes in terms of thankfulness for the reviving work of the Holy Spirit: "During most of the year we have seen evidences of His gracious presence. There has been no prevailing religious excitement, but the hearts of individuals here and there have been touched, and almost every instance of awakening has been followed by apparent conversion. More than twenty among us believe they have become Christians during the year."

The churches at St. Johnsbury Plain have been enjoying more than usual religious interest. The new minister at Burke writes: "There has been, and is now, quite a revival here. There are a number of hopeful conversions. I can count a score that I expect will soon unite with the church, either by letter or profession."

In Craftsbury "the congregation has been steadily increasing during the last half of the year. In the winter there was unusual interest in religion, and six or seven hopeful conversions occurred." In Greensboro' there have been several hopeful conversions, and nine have united with the church by profession. In Lowell there has been unusual religious interest and a number of hopeful conversions. In Newport there have been from twelve to fifteen hopeful conversions. In Westfield a revival of considerable extent and power took place during the winter, and there were about twenty hopeful conversions. At Irasburg there is a greatly increased religious interest at this time. There are already several hopeful converts, and signs of a general revival.

There has been a general revival of religion at Lunenburg. It commenced early in the winter, and continues to this time. The prayers and labors of the pastor and church have been very earnest and faithful, and there have been already about forty hopeful conversions, and eighteen were added to the church at the communion in May.

OTHER ITEMS OF RELIGIOUS INTEREST.

Besides these reports of special religious interest, there are some other items which are cheering. At Pittsford "there have been a few conversions;" at Franklin and Alburgh "quite a number of additions to the churches;" at Grafton "three or four conversions, and an improved state of religious feeling;" at Peru they sustain "four weekly prayer meetings, and several young people are trusting in Christ;" and almost, or quite all, the children of the church have been baptized; at Weathersfield Centre four united with the church in May, and several others are expecting to unite at the next communion; at Weathersfield East the revival, reported last year, continued through the summer, and sixteen were gathered into the church; at Hartland some members of the church are much quickened; at Sharon "the week of prayer was observed with interest;" at Vershire "more serious attention" has been given to the preaching of the Gospel; at Northfield "some progress it is hoped has been made;" at Plainfield, four heads of families were received at the last communion; at Waterbury "there have been a few hopeful conversions;" there have been hopeful indications at Hardwick; and in Granby "there have been a few hopeful conversions."

These reports indicate the religious progress of about fifty of our churches. The statements, as respects the numbers who have become the hopeful subjects of renewing grace, are quite indefinite, but they must include between four and five hundred.

THE LESS FAVORED CHURCHES.

Of the religious progress of the one hundred and forty other churches, the reports fail to give any definite account. Of some of them as much might probably have been said as of some which have been referred to above, although there is reason to believe that many of them would report that the state of religious feeling was low. A few of the churches present an unfavorable report. There are sixty-three which do not report a single addition by profession. It is said of Cornwall that "the religious interest is very low, and that the weekly prayer meeting is not sustained." Of Ripton we learn "the church and congregation are scattered and depressed, by the removal of important and leading families, and is sinking in spiritual apathy." The church in Peacham, which has been "much afflicted by the death of its pastor, has also been much disturbed by the difficulty of finding another pastor to "*suit all*," but is now in a much better state of feeling than has existed since the death of the pastor." "The report from Weston is

that they are now destitute of preaching, and have been for the year. Intemperance is on the increase, especially among the young men; and the moral state of the place does not seem improving."

DESTITUTE CHURCHES.

Thirty-five of our churches are reported as destitute. Ten of these are strong churches and will probably secure ministers during the year. But twenty-five remain, which have no regular and constant ministerial labor. About one half of these are supplied for a portion of the time by the Domestic Missionary Society. Of the remainder it can only be said that they are but too likely to become extinct.

Of three of these churches in the County of Windham the reporter says: "the churches in Guilford, Halifax, and Jamaica are very weak and almost extinct." From Sandgate we have no report which indicates that it maintains public worship. Addison has been reported as without a minister for many years past, and of Shelburne and Fairfax it is said that they can hardly be called living churches. The church in Barnard has within two years sold its house of worship to the Methodist society, and during the past year the church in Albany has sold its interest in the church building which is occupied in connexion with the Baptists; and ceased for the present if not finally to maintain the institutions of the gospel. Of Marshfield it is said they have "no preaching, and no meetings;" of Duxbury, that there has been preaching but a small part of the year; while from Marlboro' and Washington we learn nothing whatever.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Of the Sabbath schools the reports uniformly give a very gratifying account. Some of them are referred to as increasing in numbers and in interest. In some instances it is said that the most of those who are the subjects of a work of grace are the members of the Sabbath School.

TEMPERANCE.

There are a number of references to the progress of the cause of Temperance. In some towns there has been, what is termed in the reports, "quite a Temperance revival;" and in one instance this preceded an extensive work of divine grace. Efforts are making, with a good degree of success, to form new and efficient organizations for the promotion of this reform. It is evident that decided progress has been made during the year.

MEETING-HOUSES AND PARSONAGES.

In some portions of the State, much attention seems to have been given to making the sanctuary attractive. In Bennington, Bridport, Benson, Hubbardton, Tinmouth, Bethel, Windham, Tunbridge, and Williamstown, the houses of worship have been repaired. The College Street church in Burlington has completed its new and beautiful church edifice at an expense of more than forty thousand dollars, and it has been dedicated to the worship of God. A new house of worship has been nearly or quite completed at Milton, at an expense of fifteen thousand dollars. The church in Burke, which has been without a house of worship, has been presented with one through the liberality of a gentleman residing in New York. The church in Ripton is now building a new house of worship; while at Montpelier, "munificent contributions have been made to erect an edifice for Christian worship, and the work has already begun." Parsonages have been purchased in Burke, Berkshire, Stowe, Queechy, and Windsor; at Barre the parsonage is rebuilding, at Chelsea an old one has been exchanged for a better one, and at Gaysville they are building a new one.

In concluding this report I ask the attention of the Convention to a few suggestions which grow out of the statistical report.

ATTENDANCE UPON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

1st. The first has reference to the *proportion of the population of the State which is receiving direct religious influence in connection with our Sabbath assemblies.* One column of the statistical report gives the average number of each congregation. The aggregate number is 22,611, which is about one-fourteenth of the population of the State. But it is evident that the number of persons who are connected with our congregations is much larger than the number who are present at any single service. The pastor who preaches to one hundred persons to-day, does not preach to precisely the same persons on the next Sabbath, because nearly all who attend public worship are more or less irregular. Besides, there are many persons connected with the families of a congregation, who are unable to attend church at all. There are many detained at home by domestic duties, there are others who are aged, and infirm, others are permanent invalids, and there are also many children too young to be taken to church. Yet all these go to make up the parish of the minister. His sermons are reported in the family at home. He meets the people in his pastoral visits. Many of the children are the children of the church.

With a view of ascertaining the whole number who are receiving the direct influence of our religious institutions, I requested the pastors to report the whole number of families connected with their congregations, and the whole number of persons in these families. One hundred and fifteen churches have answered the question. It is very evident that the returns cannot be depended on as entirely accurate, but they furnish a basis for an approximation to the true number. These one hundred and fifteen congregations are reported to contain 7144 families and 28,403 persons. The aggregate of the average attendance upon public worship in these congregations is 14,867; that is, the average attendance is only about one half the whole number connected with the congregations, and receiving the influence of the pastor. If the ratio of the average attendance, to the entire number connected with the congregations, is the same in the seventy-six churches which do not report, the whole number which are connected with our congregations in the whole State, is, in round numbers, 43,000, which is about one-seventh part of the population of the State. But if one seventh part of the people of the State are connected with the congregations of our denomination, we cannot doubt that nearly or quite one half of the people of Vermont are connected with the congregations of the various evangelical denominations, including our own. The statement which is so often made, that only one-fifth of the people of the State attend public worship, is, therefore, incorrect. That statement is based on the fallacious assumption that the average attendance upon public worship is the entire attendance.

It follows, also, from these facts, that the real evil with which we have to contend in bringing the gospel to bear upon the masses of our people, is not so much a falling away of the people from attendance at the sanctuary as it is *irregular attendance*. The evangelical ministry of Vermont do preach to a large proportion of the Protestant population of the State; but the average standard of punctuality in attendance, according to the statistics before us, is only one Sabbath in two.

EMIGRATION.

2. Again, the churches have received by letter during the past year 361, while they have dismissed during the same time 419. This indicates that our loss by emigration is not as great as is commonly supposed. Twenty years ago the number who were dismissed from year to year was largely in excess of the number received by letter, but during the last ten years our churches have received by letter something more than thirty-five hundred, while their dismissions have amounted to thirty-four hundred. It is true,

that in certain sections of the State, the number of removals is largely in excess of the number received by letter. It is also true that a portion of those who emigrate do not take letters. But making due allowance for these classes of facts, it is yet true that our churches, as a whole, are not now losing largely by emigration.

ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES.

3. The number of additions to our churches by profession the last year was five hundred and sixty-six, which is less than an average of three members to a church. The number of ministers in active service during the year has been one hundred and fifty-seven, so that the additions to the churches have averaged three and a half for one year of ministerial labor.

The number added to our churches by profession during the ten years past has been 4352. This is about two and one-third to a church each year, or two and four-fifths for one year of ministerial labor. This is a much smaller rate of ministerial success than is found in other parts of the country. Thus, in Massachusetts, the additions to the churches by profession averaged, for twenty-five years past, something more than five and a half to a minister for each year, while in Vermont the average for ten years has been two and four fifths to each minister per annum. That is, each minister in Massachusetts receives on an average twice as many to the church as each minister in Vermont. If this comparison should be objected to as unjust, as it may well be, on account of the larger numbers included in the congregations of Massachusetts, we may make the comparison for the whole country. The average number received by profession tothe Congregational churches of the United States last year was four and three quarters to each minister engaged in active service, while in Vermont it was three and two thirds for the same time.

DECREASE IN NUMBERS.

4. The whole number of members of our churches in the State is 17,149. There has been a net gain this year of one hundred and thirty-seven. Yet the number of members is less than it was twenty years ago by 3465, and that although the population of the State has slightly increased during that time. Thirty years ago the number of members in our churches was 4236 larger than it is now.

INFANT BAPTISM.

5. Another class of facts which we should do well to ponder relate to Infant Baptism. The whole number of children baptized last year was 243, an average of one and one-third to a church. Ninety-seven of our churches do not report a single infant baptism during the year. During the nine years since the number of adult baptisms has been reported, we find that out of 4037 received to the church only 1583 were baptized in infancy. Dr. Hall, in his work on Baptism, states that in Connecticut two-thirds of all those who unite with the church are baptized in their infancy. In our State the proportion has been a little more than three-eighths.

ABSENTEES.

6. The apparent strength of our churches is much diminished by the large number of absentees. There are 3094 for the whole State, which is more than one-sixth of the whole number. Many of these are still residents of the State.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

7. But while our statistics show us much which is fitted to awaken great anxiety in respect to these things which are the most closely connected with spiritual progress, there has been a large increase in the amount of benevolent contributions. The whole sum this year is $38,583 62. The contributions reported this year are larger than in any previous year.

There are other important points which will suggest themselves to those who study the statistics which have been collected, but these must suffice.

On the review of the year, we should not fail to render hearty thanks to God for the measure of success which has been granted us and especially for the evident tokens of the presence of the Holy Spirit with some of the churches.

The review should also lead us to inquire carefully for the causes of the general inefficiency of the means of grace. A thoughtful study of the facts embodied in the statistical report, will show some of these causes, and suggest methods of removing them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. BYINGTON, *Cor. Secretary.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. JAMES T. HYDE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.			Bapt.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let'r	Total.	Death	Dism.	Total	Adult	Infant			
Addison,	Nov. 24, 1804	Vacant.			5	9	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	000 00
Bridport,	June 30, 1790	Harvey F. Leavitt,	May, 1830	Stated supply.	41	89	130	33	2	2	4	4	2	6	0	0	75	150	214 44
Bristol,	July 8, 1805	George L. Gleason,	Feb'y 1, 1866	Feb. 1, 1866	20	30	50	4	6	6	12	4	0	4	0	0	62	80	116 00
Cornwall,	July 15, 1785	Vacant,			49	98	147	35	0	0	0	3	2	5	0	0	102	138	348 61
Ferrisburg,	Jan. 26, 1824	Vacant,			13	31	44	6	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	50	100	
Middlebury,	Sept. 5, 1790	James T. Hyde,	June 22, 1853	June 10, 1857	133	241	376	72	13	7	20	9	13	22	7	6	140	375	720 25
Newhaven,	Sept. 20, 1800	Calvin B. Hulbert,	Oct. 20, 1859	Oct. 20, 1859	66	120	186	22	1	4	5	1	6	8	0	3	120	225	237 52
Orwell,	1789	Lewis A. Austin,	June 26, 1862	June 26, 1862	57	83	140	19	1	1	2	10	5	23	1	0	150	144	563 65
Ripton,	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent,	Oct. 22, 1828	Sept. 14, 1863	28	43	71	25	2	0	2	1	2	3	2	3	45	45	69 50
Salisbury,	Feb'y 8, 1824	A. B. Lyon,		Stated supply.	19	47	66	15	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	50	80	54 00
Shoreham,	March 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	Dec. 28, 1859	June 1, 1864	33	80	113	7	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	75	175	207 85
Vergennes,	Sept. 17, 1793	H. A. P. Torrey,	May 3, 1865	May 3, 1865	52	125	177	17	1	2	3	4	2	6	1	1	70	150	328 95
Weybridge,	June 20, 1794	S. W. Cozzens, D. D.	Aug. 8, 1832	Stated supply.	20	46	66	10	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	113	65	162 16
Total, 13		7 Pastors, 3 S. S.			538	1042	1580	259	27	22	49	38	38	11	87	16	13	1059	1737	$3,082 93

Ministers without Charge.—Benjamin Labaree, D. D., Joseph Steele, Warren W. Winchester, Oliver Winchester, E. H. Squier, Middlebury; Otto S. Hoyt, New Haven; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.——*Ordained.*—John B. Steele, New York; George L. Gleason, Bristol.——*Dismissed.*—A. A. Baker, January, 1866.——*Licentiates.*—Franklin H. Seeley, Auburn Seminary; J. K. Williams, Andover Seminary.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members. Males.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter	Total	Removed. Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Bapt. Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
Arlington,	1843	Charles Redfield,	1859	Stated Supply.	12	26	38	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	70	$58 00
Bennington 1st,	Dec. 3, 1762	Isaac Jennings,	June 7, 1843	Sept. 21, 1853	54	143	197	17	16	0	16	8	6	0	14	11	2	115	175	454 00
Bennington 2d,	April 27, 1836	C. H. Hubbard,	Feb'y, 1848	Stated Supply.	93	120	213	15	8	4	12	1	0	0	1	6	4	200	250	367 00
Dorset,	Sept. 22, 1784	P. S. Pratt,	Sept. 29, 1847	Dec. 25, 1860	36	66	102	17	2	0	2	4	2	0	6	0	4	150	170	290 00
Manchester,	1784	R. S. Cushman,	1843	1862	60	118	178	11	6	2	8	3	1	0	4	2	3	160	200	428 00
*Pownal,	May 21, 1851	Vacant.			11	24	35	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		75	
Rupert,	June 6, 1786	J. B. Clark,	Dec., 1838	Stated Supply.	26	60	86	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	70	90	No rep'rt
Sandgate,	1782	Vacant.			4	9	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	70	000 00
Total, 8		3 Pastors, 3 S. S.			296	566	862	32	32	6	38	17	14	0	31	19	13	805	1030	$ 97 00

Ministers without Charge.—James Anderson, J. W. Brown, J. D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; R. C. Hand, Brooklyn, N. Y. *Figures from last year.

3. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. J. TORREY, JR.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members. Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter	Total	Removed. Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Bapt. Adult	Infant	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg'n	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
Barnet, (McI.'s F.)	Oct. 22, 1829	M. B. Bradford,	1827	Stated Supply.	26	79	105	30	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	1	3	120	200	No rep'rt
Barnet,	Sept. 14, 1858	J. Underwood,	April 8, 1826	Stated Supply.	11	38	49	16	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	1	125	150	$266 00
Burke,	March 1, 1807	Wm. R. Joyslin,	Feb'y 3, 1864	Stated Supply.	21	20	41	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		100	22 00
Cabot,	Oct. 25, 1801	S. F. Drew,	Oct. 18, 1857	Sept. 19, 1860	50	84	134	18	3	1	4	5	1	0	6	1	3	110	165	155 00
Danville,	Aug., 1792	John Eastman,	Aug. 18, 1834	June 26, 1861	52	96	148	20	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	100	150	175 00
Hardwick,	July 29, 1803	J. Torrey, Jr.,	May 30, 1860	May 30, 1860	34	68	102	13	4	2	6	5	7	2	14	2	1	190	130	537 00
Lyndon,	Nov. 30, 1817	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845	Stated Supply.	24	67	91	31	1	1	2	1	5	0	6	0	1	100	125	125 00
Peacham,	April 14, 1794	Vacant.			70	149	219	31	3	2	5	7	5	1	13	0	3	200	200	515 81
St. Johnsbury 1st,	Nov. 21, 1809	H. M. Holiday,	March 1, 1866	March 1, 1866	23	60	83	17	0	2	2	1	3	2	6	0	1	80	100	144 00
St. Johnsbury 3d,	Nov. 25, 1840	Wm. O. Baldwin,	Oct. 4, 1854	June 28, 1864	28	45	73	28	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	130	120	40 00
St. Johnsbury No.	Oct. 7, 1825	E. C. Cummings,	March 17, 1856	May 10, 1860	95	180	275	89	10	7	17	4	15	0	19	6	5	301	234	1,426 74
St. Johnsbury So.	Oct. 29, 1851	Lewis O. Brastow,	Jan. 10, 1861	Jan. 10, 1861	58	106	164	32	8	9	17	7	12	0	19	4	9	150	225	810 08
*Waterford,	May 30, 1786	D. McClerning,		Stated Supply.	52	66	118	13										95	130	
Total, 13		7 Pastors, 5 S. S.			544	1068	1602	348	32	25	57	36	57	5	98	14	28	1701	2029	$4,216 63

Ministers without Charge.—W. W. Thayer, T. E. Ranney, St. Johnsbury.—*Ordained.*—H. M. Holiday, St. Johnsbury, March 1st, 1866.—*Dismissed.*—Geo. I. Bard, Waterford, Jan. 30, 1866.—*Deceased.*—A. Boutelle, Peacham, Jan. 12, 1866. *No reports; figures from last year's Minutes.

4. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. J. G. BAILEY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.			Bapt.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Letter	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infant			
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	Jan. 23, 1856	Jan. 23, 1856	21	23	44	unk	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	60	$35 00
Eden,	Oct. 25, 1812	Vacant.			8	15	23	9	0	0	0							23	50	
Hydepark,	March 5, 1863	J. G. Bailey,	Feb. 24, 1864	Feb. 24, 1864	7	17	24	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	*95	90	70 00
North Hydepark,	Sept. 9, 1868	J. G. Bailey,	Feb. 24, 1864	Stated Supply.	10	20	30	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	*55	80	28 00
Johnson,	Sept. 20, 1817	Jas. Dougherty, D D	Jan. 18, 1832	Oct. 12, 1851	38	75	113	31	2	1	3	3	6	0	9	0	0	200	200	207 90
Morristown,	July 14, 1807	Lyman Bartlett	Aug. 8, 1861	Aug. 8, 1861	31	56	87	25	4	2	6	5	5	0	10	2	0	100	125	112 00
Stowe,	Nov. 21, 1807	James T. Ford,	Nov. 25, 1857	Nov. 25, 1857	24	59	83	12	13	2	15	1	1	0	2	10	4	175	125	204 63
Waterville,	1823	Vacant.			2	16	20	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	no r	75	75 00
Wolcott,	June 11, 1818	Horace Herrick	Sept., 1844	Stated Supply.	15	33	48	8	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	60	85	21 00
Total, 9		5 Pastors, 1 S. S.			156	314	470	90	24	6	30	11	14	0	25	14	7	728	870	$753 53

Minister without Charge.—Rev. John Gleed, Waterville. *Union Sabbath School.

5. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM SEWALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.			Bapt.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Letter	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infant			
Granby & Victory,	1825	Jeremiah Glines,	Jan. 7, 1827	Stated Supply.	12	24	36	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	60	$35 60
Guildhall,	1799	James Laird,	March, 1866	March, 1866	28	63	91	41	5	7	12	0	0	0	0	3	8	60	90	
Lunenburg,	Dec. 27, 1802	Henry M. Holmes,	May 10, 1866	Stated Supply.	46	75	121	27	18	3	21	5	2	0	7	15	0	131	140	61 60
Total, 3		1 Pastor, 2 S. S.			86	162	248	71	23	11	34	6	2	0	8	18	8	236	290	$97 20

Ordained.—Rev. James Laird, March, 1866, as pastor; Rev. Henry M. Holmes, May 10, 1866.

6. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. P. F. Barnard.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members. Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter	Total	Removed. Death	Dism.	Exco	Total	Bapt. Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
Barre,	Oct. 14, 1799	E. Irvin Carpenter,	Dec. 12, 1842	Dec. 25, 1857	35	137	172	43	4	1	5	3	7	0	10	3	0	175	200	$200 00
Berlin,	Oct. 17, 1798	B. S. Ward,		Stated Supply.	25	49	74	28	1	5	6	2	4	0	6	0	5	125	125	146 48
Berlin West,	Feb. 16, 1865	J. F. Stone,	Jan. 21, 1829	S. S. 1-2 time.	4	11	15	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	*75	75	31 00
Duxbury,	Jan. 18, 1836	Vacant.			12	12	24	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	50	
Marshfield,	May 18, 1826	Vacant.			7	9	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	00 00
Montpelier,	July 20, 1808	Wm. H. Lord,	Sept. 20, 1847	Sept. 20, 1847	159	240	399	75	15	6	21	2	7	0	9	6	7	300	500	957 82
Northfield,	May 27, 1822	Wm. S. Hazen,	Oct. 12, 1864	Oct. 12, 1864	38	81	119	30	5	7	12	2	6	0	8	2	2	132	140	174 00
Plainfield,	Jan. 5, 1826	C. M. Winch,	June 29, 1853	Stated Supply.	11	23	34	7	4	0	4	3	2	0	5	2	0	40	70	25 15
Roxbury,	1838	Alden Ladd,	Feb. 15, 1865	Feb. 15, 1865	8	21	29	3	7	1	8	0	2	0	2	0	0	60	82	88 00
Waitsfield,	June 27, 1796	A. B. Dascomb,	Jan. 16, 1862	Stated Supply.	61	92	153	25	35	5	40	2	0	0	2	21	4	160	155	149 00
Warren,	Not reported.	Vacant.			2	7	9	00	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	60	
Waterbury,	July 10, 1801	C. C. Parker,	Oct. 4, 1848	June 7, 1854	39	106	145	23	4	6	10	2	3	0	5	3	0	140	155	825 00
Williamstown,	Aug. 13, 1795	P. F. Barnard,	Jan. 14, 1847	Sept. 19, 1860	21	64	85	18	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	0	125	120	154 17
Worcester,	Feb. 28, 1824	David Perry,	Aug., 1828	Stated Supply.	18	40	58	14	1	2	3	1	0	0	1		1	45	75	41 35
Total, 14		6 Pastors, 5 S. S.			440	892	1332	288	78	34	112	19	33	0	52	44	19	1452	1807	$2,791 97

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. C. S. Smith, Secretary Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, Mohtpelier.——*Dismissed.*—Rev. Wm. R. Joyslin, from Church in Berlin, April 25, 1866.——*Licentiate.*—Mr. Eben Holley, Richmond. *A Union School.

7. NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. Geo. B. Tolman.

Alburgh,	Feb. 18, 1824	Calvin B. Cady,	1837	Stated Supply.	15	32	47	4	7	2	9	0	3	0	3	2	3	40	200	$100 00
Bakersfield,	July 3, 1811	Geo. F. Wright,	Aug 26, 1863	Jan. 16, 1866	47	82	129	20	23	1	24	4	0	0	4	14	1	140	130	303 56
Berkshire East,	July 15, 1820	E. W. Hatch,	Licentiate.	S. S. 3-4 of time.	16	25	41	4	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	1	65	75	80 00
Enosburgh,	Oct. 11, 1811	Alfred B. Swift,	Jan. 7. 1853	Stated Supply.	56	82	138	42	0	3	3	2	8	0	10	0	0	100	95	440 00
*Fairfax,	1806	Vacant.			7	13	20	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	00	15 00
Fairfield,	Sept. 22, 1800	E. J. Comings,	Sept., 1841	Stated Supply.	12	27	39	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	50	60	222 20
Franklin,	Oct. 11, 1817	A. T. Deming,	Oct. 29, 1862	Stated Supply.	18	34	52	7	6	4	10	1	0	0	1	3	1	50	80	198 50
Georgia,	Nov. 7, 1796	SimeonParmelee, DD	Not reported.	Stated Supply.	20	65	85	18	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	1	50	75	100 00
†Highgate,	Oct. 28, 1811	Vacant. [Hatch Lic.			18	41	59	no r	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	40	50	Not rep.
Montgomery,	July 15, 1817	Sewall Paine, E. W.	Feb. 22, 1843	Feb. 22, 1843	12	28	40	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	24	28	23 00
North Hero,	Nov. 18, 1862	S. H. Williams,	June 16, 1845	Nov. 18, 1862	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	40	29 10
Sheldon,	July or Aug. 1816	Geo. B. Tolman,	July 10, 1862	July 10, 1862	23	36	59	11	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	60	60	263 80
St. Albans 1st,	Jan. 2, 1808	J. Q. Bittenger,	Oct. 25, 1860	Dec. 30, 1864	73	137	210	no r	0	10	10	7	4	0	11	0	7	222	300	2223 00
St. Albans 2d,	May 26, 1841	Vacant.			17	36	53	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	00 00
Swanton,	Jan. 4, 1800	A. J. Samson,	Not reported.	Stated Supply.	33	77	110	13	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	60	110	250 00
Total, 15		5 Pastors, 7 S. S.		3 unsupplied.	370	719	1089	154	39	22	61	20	28	2	50	21	22	926	1308	$4,148 16

Ministers without Charge.—Lyndon S. French, Franklin, H. P. Hickok, Burlington.——*Installed.*—Rev. Geo. F. Wright, Jan. 16, 1866, over the church in Bakersfield.
——*Dismissed.*—Rev. I. B. Perry, of Winooski Association, from the church in Swanton, Jan. 8, 1866. *No Report, figures from last year's Minutes. †Rev. C. S. Cady from Iowa supplied about six months. ‡Besides clothing for Freedmen valued at $73.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. William S. Palmer.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members. Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted Prof.	Letter	Total	Removed. Death	Dism.	Excom.	Total	Bapt. Adult.	Infant.	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg'n	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
Bradford,	June 24, 1814	Silas McKeen, D. D.	Oct. 18, 1851	May 25, 1842	35	99	134	33	1	4	5	2	2	0	4	0	1	75	150	$286 25
Corinth,	Oct. 20, 1820	Vacant.			29	63	92	14	0	1	1	3	3	0	6	0	0	50	100	00 00
Fairlee,	Feb. 28, 1833	Isaac Hosford,	Not reported.		7	28	35	5	0	1	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	50	100	75 00
Fairlee West,	Dec. 9, 1809	N. Barbour,	Dec. 1836	Stated Supply.	35	55	90	34	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	90	112	105 00
Newbury,	1764	H. N. Burton,	Dec. 31, 1857	Dec. 31, 1857	69	182	251	86	3	3	6	4	4	0	8	3	2	150	225	600 00
Post Mills,	Feb. 26, 1839	Charles Scott,	Dec. 27, 1854	Stated Supply.	10	21	31	1	0	9	9	1	1	0	2	0	0	†	100	00 00
Strafford,	1820	Augustus Chandler,	Sept. 12, 1860	Dec. 1864	15	27	42	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	60	60	91 26
Thetford,	1773	Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845	Oct. 21, 1857	67	127	194	46	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	0	1	125	175	693 47
Vershire,	July 14, 1787	Charles Daren,	Feb'y 3, 1841	Stated Supply.	21	43	64	10	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	60	70	87 62
*Washington,	Oct. 1800	Vacant.			3	7	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
Wells River,	Jan. 13, 1842	Wm. S. Palmer,	Feb. 19, 1862	Feb. 19, 1862	23	87	110	23	1	0	1	4	1	1	6	1	0	210	220	372 13
Total, 11		5 Pastors, 4 s.s., 2 vac			314	739	1053	262	6	20	26	19	19	2	40	4	5	870	1312	$2,310 67

*No report, figures from last year. †Not organized.

9. ORLEANS ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. Pliny H. White.

Albany,	Aug. 16, 1818	Vacant.			9	18	27	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	00	00	$00 00
Barton,	Sept. 24, 1817	Wm. A. Robinson,	Jan. 11, 1866	Jan. 11, 1866.	29	59	88	25	3	7	10	1	5	0	6	3	0	75	115	87 00
Brighton,	Oct. 5, 1841	John W. H. Baker,	June 29, 1865	June 29, 1865	9	14	23	7	2	1	3	1	3	0	4	2	0	75	75	50 25
Brownington,	March 4, 1809	S. R. Hall, L. L. D.,	March 29, 1823	March 5, 1855	22	47	69	16	1	3	4	4	3	0	7	1	4	60	65	30 00
Charleston West,	May 6, 1844	Levi Loring,	July 9, 1863	July 9, 1863	13	38	51	6	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	110	130	124 55
Coventry,	Oct. 2, 1810	Pliny H. White,	Feb. 15, 1859	Stated Supply.	35	63	98	8	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	3	175	150	370 61
Craftsbury,	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	Oct. 11, 1865	Oct. 11, 1865	30	75	105	11	7	10	17	1	5	0	6	3	7	160	135	228 67
Derby,	Aug. 9, 1807	James P. Stone,	Oct. 16, 1839	Stated Supply.	42	80	122	25	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	1	129	160	250 00
Glover,	July 12, 1817	S. K. B. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1860	Jan. 11, 1860	19	44	63	11	3	6	9	3	3	0	6	3	2	150	125	100 00
Greensboro,	Nov. 25, 1804	A. W. Wild,	Oct. 26, 1864	Oct. 26, 1864	32	59	91	22	9	2	11	2	2	0	4	3	3	85	120	315 54
Holland,	Nov. 30, 1842	{ Jabez T. Howard, { A. R. Gray,	Jan. 19, 1841 Nov. 18, 1844	June 3, 1844 S. S. 1-2 of time.	3	16	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	60	18 00
Irasburgh,	Jan. 28, 1818	John L. Woodward,	Jan. 31, 1838	Sept. 21, 1864	35	51	86	28	7	7	7	1	2	0	3	0	3	120	140	120 00
Lowell,	Jan. 10, 1816	Azro A. Smith,	Feb. 11, 1864	Feb. 11, 1864	10	11	21	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	90	80	57 00
Morgan,	June 4, 1823	{ J. S. Clark, { A. R. Gray,	Jan. 11, 1827 Nov. 13, 1844	Jan. 11, 1827 S. S. 1-2 time.	11	20	31	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	80	33 55
Newport,	Aug. 23, 1831	R. V. Hall,	Aug. 18, 1835	Stated Supply.	23	25	48	6	5	4	9	1	0	2	3	3	0	110	124	135 00
North Troy,	Feb. 15, 1818	L. W. Brigham,	Licentiate.	Stated Supply.	20	44	64	5	5	1	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	100	175	33 00
South Troy,	Jan. 23, 1845	John A. Farrar,	Oct. 21, 1862	Stated Supply.	6	14	20	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	35	90	00 00
Westfield,	April 19, 1819	Azro A. Smith,	Feb. 11, 1864	Feb. 11, 1864	19	36	55	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	130	120	93 75
Total, 18		11 Pastors, 6 S. S.			367	714	1081	202	45	46	91	23	30	3	56	20	26	1689	1944	$2,046 92

Ministers without Charge.—Thomas Bayne, Irasburgh.——*Ordained.*—John W. H. Baker, Brighton, June 29, 1865; Edward P. Wild, Craftsbury, Oct. 11, 1865; William A. Robinson, Barton, Jan. 11, 1866.——*Licentiates.*—Leonard W. Brigham, North Troy; Elias W. Hatch, East Berkshire.

10. ROYALTON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. T. Henry Johnson.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Church Members: Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted: Prof.	Letter	Total	Removed: Death	Dism.	Excl.	Total	Bapt.: Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
Barnard,	May 15, 1782	Vacant.			7	8	15	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	00	00	unkno'n
Bethel,	July 25, 1817	T. Henry Johnson,	Oct. 1852	Stated Supply.	11	31	42	9	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	3	90	75	‡$85 00
		Ammi Nichols,	Sept. 23, 1807	Stated Supply.																
Braintree,	Dec. 25, 1794	G. B. Griswold,	Licentiate.	Stated Supply.	18	28	46	13	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	54	60	3 55
Brookfield 1st,	Sept. 23, 1785	Daniel Wild,	July 1, 1830	July 1, 1830	45	54	99	25	1	0	1	5	4	0	9	0	6	65	100	300 00
*Brookfield 2d,	Nov. 16, 1848	Vacant.			24	39	63	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	60	75	
Chelsea,	April 10, 1789	Salem M. Plimpton,	May 8, 1851	Stated Supply.	41	81	122	14	0	3	3	3	6	0	9	0	0	150	150	645 00
Gaysville,	Oct. 8, 1827	T. S. Hubbard,	June 1839	Stated Supply.	25	64	89	6	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	43	64	†49 25
Pittsfield,	Sept. 17, 1803	S. Sparhawk,	March 19, 1839	Stated Supply.	29	48	77	19	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	50	80	57 00
Randolph,	May 30, 1786	D. B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838	Jan. 3, 1866	40	71	111	28	2	9	11	2	3	0	5	2	2	†75	125	70 05
Randolph West,	Oct. 1, 1831	Charles C. Torrey,	Sept. 7, 1855	Stated Supply.	47	108	155	50	0	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	150	50 00
Rochester,	Sept. 11, 1801	Vacant.			31	66	97	11	3	1	4	2	5	0	7	1	2	70	110	unkno'n
Royalton,	Autumn, 1777	C. B. Drake, D. D.,	Oct. 12, 1837	Oct. 12, 1837	54	115	169	54	2	4	6	5	2	0	7	2	5	100	140	315 40
Tunbridge,	Feb. 5, 1792	E. H. Alden,	April 13, 1864	Stated Supply.	17	23	40	8	1	0	1	2	0	1	3	1	0	75	85	64 00
Total, 13		3 Pastors, 8 S. S. 3V.			389	746	1135	250	11	27	38	29	23	1	53	7	19	932	1234	$1,039 25

Ministers without Charge.—O. D. Allis, J. C. Houghton, Chelsea; A. S. Swift, Pittsfield.—*Ordained.*—D. B. Bradford, Jan. 3, 1866.—*Licentiate.*—J. B. Griswold.
*No report, figures from last year. †Average attendance; many students attend who live in other towns. ‡Also $68 for addition to S. S. Library and $1,000 towards remodeling church. §Exchanged old parsonage for a better, at expense of $1,800. ‖And something for freedmen. Are building a parsonage.

11. RUTLAND ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. John G. Hale.

Benson,		1790	Wm. S. Smart,	Jan. 23, 1861	Jan. 23, 1861	55	107	162	26	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	3		90	150	$175 00
Brandon,		1784	Franklin Tuxbury,	July 15, 1857	May 25, 1865	44	120	164	18	6	4	10	1	4	1	6	4	0	138	175	54479
Castleton,	Autumn,	1784	Lewis Francis,	Feb. 18, 1863	Sept. 28, 1864	81	182	263	58	3	1	4	5	10	0	15	3	4	150	250	1,082 73
Clarendon,	Feb. 18,	1822	Wm. T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851	May 6, 1863	29	42	71	18	1	1	2	0	2	1	3	0	2	112	105	390 14
Chittenden,	June,	1834	Vacant.			4	10	14	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	50	
Fairhaven,	Nov. 15,	1803	R. L. Herbert,		Stated Supply.	20	30	50		2	2	1	2			2	1		50	150	142 50
Hubbardton,		1782	Calvin Granger,		Stated Supply.	4	17	21	4		1	4	1			1			60	75	30 00
Middletown,	Nov.	1780	Vacant.			14	26	40	8			1	1			6			00	00	50 00
Pawlet,	Aug. 8,	1781	Levi H. Stone,		1839	Stated Supply.	24	64	88	11	1		1	1	5		2	1		125	150	154 19
Pittsford,		1784	M. A. Munson,	May 31, 1866	May 31, 1866	51	78	130		7	5	11	2	1		3	4	1	100	200	348 98
East Poultney,		1780	John G. Hale,	Sept. 30, 1852	April 18, 1860	45	78	118	19	1	2	12	2	1		5	1	2	80	110	190 10
Rutland,		1788	Norman Seaver,	Aug. 29, 1860	Aug. 29, 1860	135	269	404	80	5	9	3	6	2	1	9	3	3	200	500	1,612 46
West Rutland,	Oct. 13,	1773	Henry M. Grout,	Sept. 1, 1858	Aug. 26, 1862	92	151	243	35	18	1	14	3	3	0	5	8	1	225	250	742 50
Sudbury,		1791	Henry F. Rustedt,	Feb. 3, 1841	Stated Supply.	8	30	38	1	0	0	19	1	2	0	1	0	0	50	70	137 40
Tinmouth,		1780	George S. Woodhull,		1853	Stated Supply.	10	29	39	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	50	70	141 50
Wallingford,	About	1790	Aldace Walker,	Dec. 30, 1840	Stated Supply.	23	79	102	11	23	1	1	1	1	0	1	16	0	90	135	329 26
Westhaven,	About	1825	Vacant.			4	8	12	4			24		0	0						205 00
Total, 17			8 Pastors, 6 S. S.			643	1237	1959	309	72	27	99	29	34	3	66	44	13	1855	2440	$6,270 53

Ministers without Charge.—Silas Aiken, D. D., S. P. Giddings, Rutland; Willard Child, D. D., New Haven, Conn.; H. O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, L. L. Tilden, Castleton; Chas. Walker, D. D., Pittsford; Stephen Williams, Orwell; E. J. Hallock, St. Louis, Mo.—*Installed.*—Franklin Tuxbury, Brandon.

12. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. C. W. CLARK.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members. Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter	Total	Removed. Death	Dism.	Excom.	Total	Sept. Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n.	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
Bridgewater,	1793	Vacant.			18	37	55	12	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	55	128	$00 00
Hartford,	1786	B. F. Ray,	March 5, 1856	Feb. 7, 1860	44	103	147	32	5	2	7	4	5	0	9	5	5	175	200	340 00
Hartford West,	June 3, 1830	H. Wellington,	April 18, 1847	Stated Supply.	24	35	59	17	2	3	5	0	4	0	4	1	2	100	100	175 00
Hartland,	Sept. 6, 1799	Charles W. Clark,	June 13, 1861	Stated Supply.	20	43	63	22	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	68	53	72 27
Norwich,	June 15, 1819	William Sewell,	1855	Stated Supply.	86	170	256	33	24	12	36	6	3	0	9	13	6	189	220	544 03
Pomfret,	Jan. 8, 1788	W. H. Kingsbury,	Jan. 5, 1859	Stated Supply.	13	31	44	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	78	95	83 10
Queechy,	Jan. 13, 1831	J. W. Kingsbury,	Licentiate.	Stated Supply.	3	36	39		6	2	8	0	1	0	1	4	1	80	100	87 10
Sharon,	Sept. 11, 1782	Philetus Clark,	Nov. 21, 1821	Stated Supply.	13	36	49	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	50	75	54 90
Windsor,	Sept. 21, 1768	E. H. Byington,	Feb. 23, 1859	Feb. 23, 1859	38	99	137	22	7	4	11	7	10	0	17	2	2	200	200	382 47
Woodstock,	Dec. 26, 1781	J. Clement, D. D.,	Oct. 13, 1830	July 14, 1852	49	107	156	3	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	4	118	200	318 25
Total, 10					308	697	1005	157	46	28	74	24	30	0	54	25	22	1113	1371	$2,057 02

Ministers without Charge.—Franklin Butler, Windsor; Samuel Delano, Amherst, Mass.; A. G. Pease, Waterbury.—*Licentiate.*—Josiah W. Kingsbury, Queechy.

13. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

Bellows Falls,	Aug. 7, 1850	M. A. Stephens,	Dec. 9, 1862	Stated supply.	20	46	66	36	5	2	7	3	3	0	6	1	0	125	125	$167 00
Brattleboro East,	July 15, 1819	Geo. P. Tyler, D. D.	1841	Nov. 19, 1853	100	222	322	47	2	9	11	1	1	0	2	2	5	204	350	1,568 00
Brattleboro West,	1770	Joseph Chandler,	April 22, 1846	April 22, 1846	41	85	126	16	14	3	17	2	6	0	8	1	1	90	200	398 00
Dummerston,	Aug. 18, 1779	Benj. F. Foster,	June 20, 1832	Oct. 1, 1846	23	87	110	24	5	0	5	3	5	0	8	4	0	50	100	
Fayetteville,	June 30, 1774	Benjamin Ober,	Jan. 1, 1834	Stated Supply.	14	49	63	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	70	125	60 00
Grafton,	June 20, 1785	Rufus Emerson,	Jan. 7, 1863	Stated Supply.	43	68	111	28	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	143	140	370 00
Guilford,	1768	Vacant.			3	7	10													
Halifax West,	July 24, 1778	Vacant.			6	8	14		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0			
Jamaica,	Sept. 25, 1791	Vacant.			9	18	27													
Londonderry So.	Aug. 25, 1809	John H. Thyng,	Oct. 26, 1852	Stated Supply.	8	9	17	00	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	125	0 00
Marlboro,	Oct. 20, 1776	Vacant.			10	22	32	2	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	60	80	0 00
Peru,	Dec. 23, 1807	Matthew A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858	Stated Supply.	33	77	110	10	4	2	6	2	7	0	9	2	8	150	130	105 00
Putney,	Oct. 16, 1776	Amos Foster,			15	55	70	2	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	100	150	30 00
Saxton's River,	Jan. 1, 1825	A. S. Barton,	Oct. 29, 1862	Stated Supply.	13	25	38	15	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	40	75	32 00
Stratton,	Aug. 30, 1801	Vacant.			5	14	19	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	56	70	29 00
Townshend East,	1792	Chester L. Cushman	Dec. 22, 1859	Dec. 22, 1859	31	57	88	0	5	4	9	0	3	0	3	5	3	75		296 00
Townshend West,	Oct. 8, 1850	C. W. Piper,	June, 1842	Stated Supply.	12	32	44	10	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	65	100	39 00
Wardsboro,	No record.	Mr. Rood,		Stated Supply.	24	44	68	10	3	0	3	3	1	0	4	1	0	64	75	40 00
Westminister East,	June 11, 1767	F. J. Fairbanks,	Aug. 31, 1864	Aug. 31, 1864	25	83	108	21	1	7	8	4	0	0	4	1	0	200	175	100 00
Westminister West,	Oct. 31, 1799	Alfred Stevens,	Feb. 23, 1843	Feb. 23, 1843	40	75	115	18	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	0	2	100	150	300 00
Wilmington,	July 4, 1855	J. B. Perry,	Dec. 12, 1855	Stated Supply.	29	55	84	12	13	2	15	2	2	0	4	10	0	165	140	152 00
Windham,	Sept. 9, 1805	Stephen Harris,	Oct. 24, 1861	Oct. 24, 1861	38	62	100	26	9	1	10	1	3	1	5	8	6	150	140	265 00
Total, 22		7 Pastors, 9 S. S. 6 V.			542	1200	1742	289	71	40	111	33	44	1	78	40	27	1992	2450	$3,951 00

Ministers without Charge.—S. S. Arnold, Ascutneyville; Lewis Grant, West Brattleboro, Agent American Missionary Association; W. H. Gilbert, Brattleboro, Agent American Bible Society; S. R. Arms, Springfield.

14. WINDSOR ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. MOSES KIMBALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members. Males.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter	Total	Removed. Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Bapt. Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
Chester,	Oct. 27, 1773	Edwin T. Fairbanks,	Licentiate.	Stated Supply.	32	72	104	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	95	150	‡$63 25
*Ludlow,	Sept. 25, 1806	Vacant.			22	51	73	20										90	125	
Plymouth,	May 24, 1806	Thomas Baldwin,			4	7	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	45	
Springfield,	1787	Vacant.			85	154	239	34	3	9	12	4	5	0	9	2	3	175	300	1,500 00
Weathersfield C.	1804	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1855	June 28, 1865	28	65	93	33	4	0	4	3	2	0	5	1	2	65	75	75 00
†Weathersfield E.,	Dec. 13, 1838	Geo. H. White,		Stated Supply.	25	54	79	20	16	2	18	1	2	0	3	14	0	60	70	100 00
Weston,	1799	M. Kimball,	Jan. 27, 1832	Stated Supply.	12	27	39	9	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	65	80	
		Vacant.																60	100	
Total, 7		1 Pastor,			218	430	638	133	23	11	34	13	10	0	23	17	5	575	945	$1,738 25

Ministers without Charge.—Nelson Bishop, Editor Boston Recorder, J. D. F. Richards, Weathersfield Bow; H. H. Saunderson, Charlestown, N. H.; Asa F. Clark, West Brattleboro.——*Installed.*—Alvah Spaulding, June 28, 1865.——*Dismissed.*—C. C. Torrey, Chester.——*Licentiate.*—E. T. Fairbanks, Chester. *No report, figures from last year. †Two places of worship, at Weathersfield Bow and Ascutneyville. ‡Imperfect.

15. WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. S. L. BATES.

Burlington 1st,	Feb. 21, 1805	Eldridge Mix,	Dec. 6, 1860	Sept. 5, 1862	80	185	265	45	4	9	13	6	11	5	22	2	7	180	400	$1,200 00
Burlington 3d,	Nov. 4, 1860	Geo. B. Safford,	Sept. 2, 1858	Dec. 26, 1860	25	61	86	10	2	6	8	1	2	0	3	1	4	75	200	265 32
Charlotte,	Jan. 3, 1792	C. M. Seaton,	Sept. 28, 1837	July 6, 1854	36	63	99	0	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	125	100	143 00
Colchester,	1804	Edward E. Herrick,	Feb. 5, 1864	Stated Supply.	11	62	73	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	62	67 00
Essex,	1791	M. H. Buckham,	Licentiate.	Stated Supply.	33	74	107	32	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	0	74	80	
Hinesburgh,	May 20, 1789	Clark E. Ferrin,	Dec. 10, 1851	Feb. 6, 1856	30	60	90	24	4	1	5	1	4	0	5	1	2	80	75	50 00
Jericho 1st,	March 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	March 29, 1860	Stated Supply.	37	62	99	16	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	6	1	180	125	245 00
*Jericho Corner,	Aug. 31, 1826	Vacant.			9	32	41	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Milton,	Sept. 21, 1804	Royal Parkinson.	Oct. 18, 1848	Stated Supply.	9	31	40	3	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	108	100	34 00
Milton West,	1850	J. K. Converse,	Aug. 9, 1832	Stated Supply.	11	20	31	1	1	1	2	0	5	1	6	1	1	70	90	100 00
Richmond,	1801	E. Hailey,	Licentiate.	Stated Supply.	7	18	25	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	50	85	50 00
*Shelburne,	March 29, 1851	Vacant.			1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
South Hero,	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	Nov. 5, 1840	Nov. 5, 1840	10	44	54	1	6	2	8	3	0	0	3	5	0		75	
Underhill,	Dec. 27, 1801	S. L. Bates,	March 23, 1864	March 23, 1864	41	51	92	23	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	110	100	130 00
*Underhill North,	Dec. 19, 1839	Vacant.			3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Westford,	Aug. 7, 1801	E. B. Chamberlain,	March 12, 1856	Stated Supply.	32	70	102	10	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	150	125	
Williston,	Jan. 23, 1813	J. L. Maynard,	Jan. 1841	Dec. 1865	27	54	81	3	3	0	3	2	5	0	7	1	9	110	125	171 22
Winooski.	Nov. 9, 1838	L. H. Elliott,	May 2, 1866	May 2, 1866	12	26	38	6	0	10	10	1	2	0	3	0	0	115	100	21 00
Total, 18		8 Pastors, 7 S. S. 3 V.			414	929	1343	200	37	36	72	20	43	6	69	21	16	1472	1849	$2,476 54

Ministers without Charge.—Joseph Torrey, D. D., B. W. Smith, J. H. Worcester, A. Fleming, J. Buckham, J. E. Goodrich, E. N. Raymond, Burlington; A. D. Barber, Williston; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; E. C. Birge, Samuel Marsh, Underhill; C. B. Tracy, Agent.——*Installed.*—J. L. Maynard, Williston, Dec. 1865; L. H. Elliott, Winooski, May 2, 1866.——*Dismissed.*—J. W. Hough, Williston, July 3, 1865.——*Licentiates.*—Prof. C. W. Thompson, Burlington, Geo. N. Abbott. *Figures from last year.

SUMMARY.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.		Net Increase of Church Members	Net decrease of Church Members	MINISTERS.								Total of Ministers.	CHURCH MEMBERS.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Cong.	Amount of Benevolent Contributions.
	Total.	Destitute.			Pastors.	Stat. Supply.	W't charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Licentiates.		Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Excommun'd	Total.	Adults.	Infants.			
1. Addison,	13	3	0	38	7	3	7	2	1	1	0	2	17	538	1042	1580	259	27	22	49	38	38	11	87	16	13	1052	1737	$3,082 93
2. Bennington,	8	2	7	0	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	296	566	862	82	32	6	38	17	14	0	31	19	13	805	1030	1,597 00
3. Caledonia,	13	1	0	41	7	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	14	544	1058	1602	348	32	25	57	36	57	5	98	14	28	1701	2029	4,216 63
4. Lamoille,	9	2	5	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	156	314	470	90	24	6	30	11	14	0	25	14	7	728	870	753 53
5. Lancaster,	3	0	26	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	86	162	248	71	23	11	34	6	2	0	8	18	8	236	290	97 20
6. Montpelier,	14	3	60	0	6	5	1	0	0	1	0	1	12	440	892	1332	288	78	34	112	19	33	0	52	44	19	1452	1807	2,791 97
7. N. Western,	15	3	11	0	5	7	2	1	1	1	0	0	14	370	719	1089	154	39	22	61	20	28	2	50	21	22	926	1303	4 148 16
8. Orange,	11	2	0	14	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	314	739	1053	262	6	20	26	19	19	2	40	4	5	870	1312	2,310 67
9. Orleans,	18	1	35	0	11	6	1	3	3	0	0	2	18	367	714	1081	202	45	46	91	23	30	3	56	20	26	1689	1944	2.046 92
10. Royalton,	13	3	0	15	3	8	3	1	1	0	0	1	14	389	746	1135	250	11	27	38	29	23	1	53	7	19	832	1234	1,039 25
11. Rutland,	17	3	33	0	8	6	9	1	1	0	0	0	23	643	1316	1959	309	72	27	99	29	34	3	66	44	13	1565	2440	6,276 55
12. White River,	10	1	20	0	3	6	3	0	0	0	0	1	12	308	697	1005	157	46	28	74	24	30	0	54	25	22	1113	1371	2,057 02
13. Windham,	22	5	33	0	7	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	21	542	1200	1742	289	71	40	111	33	44	1	78	40	27	1992	2450	3,951 00
14. Windsor,	7	3	11	0	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	1	9	218	430	648	133	23	11	34	13	10	0	23	17	5	575	945	1,738 25
15. Winooski,	18	3	4	0	8	7	12	2	2	1	0	2	27	414	929	1343	200	37	36	73	20	43	6	69	21	16	1472	1849	2,476 54
Total, 15	191	35‡	245	108	80*	77†	53	14	12	6	1	10	210	5625	11524	17149	3094	566	361	927	337	419	34	790	324	243	17008	22611	$38,583 62

*The number of Pastors is 80, but as one Pastor is installed over two churches, the number of churches having Pastors is 81.

†The number of stated supplies is 77, but two churches report each two stated supplies, one stated supply ministers to two churches which have Pastors, and one Pastor ministers to another church as stated supply, so that the number of churches employing stated supplies is 75, *i. e.* 81 have Pastors, 75 have stated supplies, and 35 are vacant—191 churches.

‡The destitute include all which have not Pastors or stated supplies.

ATTENDANCE UPON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Associations.	*Churches reported.*	*No. of Families.*	*No. of Persons.*	*Average Congregations.*
Addison,	10	687	2727	1487
Bennington,	5	247	1443	600
Caledonia,	13	1059	3827	2029
Lamoille,	7	424	1610	745
Lancaster,	1	27	100	60
Montpelier,	10	503	2131	1197
North Western,	11	523	2244	1173
Orange,	3	119	444	230
Orleans,	13	642	2473	1535
Royalton,	8	383	1388	779
Rutland,	—	—	—	—
White River,	7	562	2309	923
Windham,	13	997	3916	2005
Windsor,	4	281	1123	675
Winooski,	10	690	2668	1369
Total,	115	7144	28403	14807

ESSAY, BY REV. SILAS AIKEN, D. D.

THE DUTIES OF THE CHURCHES IN RESPECT TO INFANT BAPTISM.

The brief limits assigned to this exercise do not permit a particular consideration of the scriptural grounds and reasons of infant baptism, and of the various objections urged against the divine authority of this ordinance. This will not be expected. The subject, expressed in a form so general, would seem to include the churches of all denominations, though, unquestionably, it was intended that the discussion of it should have main, if not exclusive, regard to the duty of churches of our own order, and especially of the churches represented in this Convention. In this light, the subject will be considered.

We make no profession of that German astuteness, which can argue as stoutly for the propriety and duty of infant baptism, without a scriptural warrant, as with it. We hold fast to the teachings of the divine Word, explicit, or by fair implication. We here assume, without argument, as facts established by the Scriptures, that the church under the old dispensation, and the church under the new, differing as they may, in constitution and spirituality, are essentially one; that the Abrahamic covenant, including infant children in the community of God's visible people, and placing on them a significant sign of such relation, remains unrepealed. We also assume that from the Saviour's command to the Apostles to disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Jewish minds would necessarily conclude that children were to be associated with their parents, in the application of the baptismal seal, unless expressly excluded in their commission, which was not done; and that, in accordance with this understanding, the Apostles baptized households, when only the faith of the respective heads is given as the ground thereof.

Infant Baptism being, as we claim, of divine authority, it may be reasonably expected that great and good ends are answered by it; and the object of this essay is to notice briefly some of the important uses of the ordinance, as persuading to its strict and faithful observance by our congregational churches.

The nature of the transaction, when believing parents consecrate their offspring to the Lord in baptism, needs little explanation. Here baptism is not the seal of a covenant between God and the child, who is incapable of understanding, or taking any part in the transaction; but it is the seal of a covenant between God and the parents, respecting the child. It is God lovingly and condescendingly saying to the parent, *I will be a God to this thy child, if thou wilt faithfully train it for my service*; to which the parent responds—*I promise so to do. I here publicly devote my dear child to Thee, and, thy grace assisting, I engage to bring it up in Thy nurture and admonition.* What then are some of the special uses of the ordinance?

1. Infant Baptism is a standing memorial in the church of the native inherent depravity of the entire human race. Whether you say that depravity attaches only to the exercises of the soul, or to something additional lying back in its constitution; explain depravity as you will, this ordinance testifies to the original corruption of human nature. Administered to an adult it testifies of personal sinfulness, and of the necessity of spiritual renovation and cleansing by the Holy Ghost. Administered to an infant, in a still more impressive manner, it declares to all who witness it, the truth, that even from the womb, children are the subjects of moral pollution. As the appropriate symbol of purification is applied to the infant, we are significantly taught that, even if incapable of actual sin, the infant must be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and cleansed by the blood of Christ, from the inherent pollution of its nature, in order to be meet for heaven. The rite declares it to be "the degenerate plant of a strange vine." Hence, an ordinance which constantly holds up, and enforces, the doctrine of the native depravity and ruin of man,—a doctrine so fundamental in Christianity, appealing alike to the senses and the understanding of all who witness the administration,—is of great use.

2. Infant Baptism is a visible exhibition of the expiation of sin, and of salvation by the death of Christ, and the agency of the Holy Spirit. The ordinance in respect to infants, no less than adults, has its significance from the work of redemption by Christ. It assures us that through atoning blood, and the power of God's spirit, our fallen nature may be restored; that a way of pardon, sanctification, and eternal life, has been provided, broad as the ruin of the race, and that our infant children are not excluded from the benefit of the provision. Neither in the case of infants or adults, does baptism signify that those who receive it are actually cleansed; but it does signify that a fountain for cleansing has been opened to all. It speaks to us of "the blood of sprinkling." It points us to the Holy Spirit, who can purify the soul, and make it fit for heaven. And an ordinance which thus symbolizes a way of recovery from sin and death, by the blood of Christ, and by the sanctification of the Spirit, is of great use in the church.

3. Infant Baptism stamps worth and dignity upon the infancy of our being.

That strange notion that young children are mere animals, without souls, and, dying in early infancy, are like the beasts that perish, was never derived from this ordinance. Would the Saviour have taken little children in his arms, and blessed them, and said, "of such is the kingdom of heaven," if they were no more than animals? The consecration of them, in baptism, declares them to be moral and immortal beings, and capable of participating in the blessings of Christ's redemption. Our Lord pronounces them subjects of his spiritual kingdom, and of course entitled to its privileges. And the application of baptism is a fitting sign of such relation to God's kingdom, as it also assures us, that having entered upon an endless existence, the infant subject should be regarded and treated accordingly. Helpless and seemingly unconscious as it may now be, the child is nevertheless capable of sustaining a covenant relation to God, and of being an heir to the inheritance of his people.

Hence baptism is a significant mark of the relation which the children of believers sustain to Christ's kingdom. As for the precise nature and extent of that relation, there may be a diversity of views. It does not involve *actual* church membership. It does not place children under the *direct* discipline of the church. It is rather to be regarded as the relation of disciples or learners in a course of training for the Lord's service. They belong to the community of God's people, and not to the world. Their proper home is with their believing parents, to whom God has given them in charge; and

if the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the believing husband, and the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the believing wife, so that their children are not unclean, but holy, that is, fit subjects of consecration to the Lord's service, then baptism, the appropriate mark of that distinction, is a rite of great significance.

4. Infant Baptism is preeminently useful as tending to secure the fidelity of parents in the religious training of their children.

The ordinance involves a solemn engagement on the part of parents to bring up their children in the nurture of the Lord. There is an acknowledged and inseparable connexion between the act of devoting a child to the Lord in baptism, and the duty of educating it for the Lord's service; and in this view the act is invested with peculiar importance. Before the Lord and his people, the parents, in such a case, voluntarily pledge themselves to the utmost faithfulness in the religious training of their children; and the remembrance of their covenant vows must powerfully incite them to parental duty. They well know that it is not sprinkling or pouring water on an infant's head, nor the immersion of the whole body, that can be of any saving benefit, but that the blessing must come, through their personal fidelity to the souls of their children. And whatever incites and presses the parent to duty, affords the better ground of hope for his children. As often as he looks upon his baptized offspring, he is reminded of the engagements into which he has entered in their behalf, and of the duties he has promised to perform. His public acknowledgment of his duty, and his engagement to do it, sealed with solemn vows, gives power to the motives to discharge his trust, and diminish the chances of neglect. God's promise to be the God and portion of his seed, is conditioned upon his fidelity to his covenant vows; and can a sincere christian parent here prove recreant?

In the words of President Dwight: "There is not perhaps a more interesting sight in the world, than that of an infant offered up by believing parents to God in baptism. The helpless circumstances of the child, the peculiar tenderness of the relation existing between it and the parents, the strong expression of their faith in God, in giving up their beloved offspring to Him, devoting it to his service, and engaging to train it for His glory, the exhibition of their reliance on the blood of Christ and the agency of the spirit of truth, to cleanse it from its original pollution, connected with the solemnities of the day, the place and the occasion, form a combination of doctrines and duties scarcely paralleled in the present world. On the minds of the parents, particularly, the impressions made cannot fail, unless through very gross stupidity, or gross wickedness, of powerfully persuading them to the duties involved in this dedication."

It is vain to say that parents may understand their duty to their children and faithfully perform it, without offering them in baptism. Be it so, that such a parent may be diligent in the christian instruction of his children, even far beyond many a parent who has taken upon him baptismal vows. So there may be real christians, who, from groundless scruples, live for years in the neglect of the Lord's supper, and who in the general tenor of their lives, put to shame many professors of religion. What then? Is the Lord's supper a useless ordinance? Have the vows of a public profession, and a regular attendance at the Lord's table, no tendency to secure a better christian life? The reason for neglecting the Lord's supper in the one case is just as valid, as that for neglecting infant baptism in the other. The undeniable fact is that the obligations assumed by parents in devoting their children to God in baptism serve as constant and powerful incentives to fidelity in caring for the souls of their children. And if, as must be admitted, the probability of the conversion and salvation of children, is in proportion to parental fidelity in educating them for the Lord; and if the consecration of them in baptism, furnishes powerful motives to active and persistent endeavors to discharge parental duties, then is this ordinance of momentous im-

portance in the kingdom of God. In truth, upon no other means or instrumentality, does the abiding prosperity of Christ's kingdom more depend than upon the faithfulness of God's people in the religious training of their offspring.

Other important uses of infant baptism might be specified, but our restricted limits forbid enlargement. Enough, it is believed, has been said to indicate to the churches that this ordinance is not a vain thing, but rather that it enters into their true life. And in view of these considerations, what else might be expected than that our congregational churches would be cherishing this ordinance, as the fond mother her child, guarding it from abuse, seeing to its faithful observance, meantime praying and looking for the promised fruits which are sure to come in their season? And if such were the state of the churches in regard to this ordinance, if all believing parents, to whom the privilege belongs, were eager to consecrate their beloved offspring to their Father in heaven, with strong faith in the promises of the everlasting covenant, imploring needed wisdom and grace in the discharge of their trust; if thenceforth they were regarding their baptized children as one with themselves, making them arguments for life and constancy in parental duty, and finding in that duty their pleasure and delight; and while informing their children's minds with heavenly truth, and in their own loving spirit showing a model of the character they would form in them; if they would give all the power of parental love, and tenderness, and daily example, to the work of training them in the Lord's nurture, constantly commending them to their covenant keeping God, cherishing in their own souls, and as a motive holding up to their children, the blessed hope of an unbroken family in heaven,—then surely would the Lord make such households his dwelling place, and then would be fulfilled the promise, "I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring"; and then would Zion arise and shine, her light having come. If such were the estimation, and such the practice pervading the churches, in respect to infant baptism, as reason and consistency demand, there would be less controversy about the divine authority of the ordinance. And in such a state of the churches, how bright would be the omen of their enlargement, and sturdy growth in knowledge and grace? and how cheering the promise of prosperity to the kingdom of Christ at large?

In comparison with such a state of things, it is painful to see the low estimation placed upon infant baptism by the congregational churches of Vermont. Taking the last published statistics of these churches as a truthful record, we have melancholy evidence of a general and culpable indifference to this ordinance on the part of the churches. Of the one hundred and ninety-three congregational churches in the State, only seventy-nine report any infant baptisms for the year ending with April, 1865; and of these seventy-nine churches, thirty-one report but one case each; while one hundred and fourteen report none. They stand blank, or are marked with a significant cipher. That churches of from one to two hundred members, and some from two to three hundred, and even more, should, during the whole year, have no proper subject of this ordinance, is incredible. The conclusion is forced upon us, that there is a criminal neglect of the ordinance, which, if suffered to continue and increase, will make the term *pædo-baptist* a palpable misnomer of our churches.

If we compare the position held by the Congregational churches of Vermont, with that of sister churches in other States, in regard to this ordinance, in delinquency Vermont bears off the palm. In seventeen States, excluding Vermont, whose churches report on the subject, the average is one infant baptism to thirty-nine resident members, while in Vermont it is one infant baptism to eighty resident members. The congregational churches of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri, whose or-

thodox congregationalism was so much suspected by us in years past, report on an average two and a half infant baptisms, in proportion to resident membership, to our one in Vermont. As regards this ordinance, the Congregational churches of Vermont stand at the foot of the list—a position which the honor of God and his ordinances, and our advantages for knowing and obeying the truth, forbid us to occupy. We may call upon charity to cast over us her vail, and hide our shame, but charity scorns such service. "Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."

And what is the cause of this culpable neglect? Has some new light burst upon these churches? Has it been shown at last, that, contrary to the declaration of Paul, the Abrahamic covenant died out with the Jewish ritual; and that the Christian church and the Jewish church are essentially distinct, without relation to each other, and that the seal of admission to the one, has nothing to do with the seal of admission to the other? Has it been proved in contradiction to the words of Jesus, that little children are not subjects of the kingdom of heaven, and have no right to the seal of such a relation? Or has it been shown that in the households baptized by the apostles, there were no children? Or has the time at last come to light, when infant baptism, as an innovation, was introduced, and became general in the churches, without calling forth any remonstrance? Or has it been ascertained from the history of the church, and the experience of God's people, that infant baptism, in the words of a certain Mr. Birt, is "a cause that produces no effect; a means connected with no end; a tree that yields no fruit?" No such thing has been done and never will be.

You may ascribe the prevailing indifference of the churches to this ordinance, to gross abuses which have crept in, perverting its true design, as in making it synonomous with regeneration, and in administering it to the children of unbelievers, by means of sponsors—mere fragments of popery; or you may ascribe it to the introduction of the "half-way-covenant" scheme, so called; or you may say it is in consequence of the example of not a few who have their children baptized, and live regardless of the obligations which the ordnance imposes, making it appear a useless ceremony, and a profane mockery of heaven. But the Lord's supper has in like manner been grossly abused and profaned; and are the churches therefore to suffer that ordinance to go into disuse? Is the abuse of a good thing any argument against its proper use?

Parents who have devoted their children to God in baptism, may well be admonished of the momentous charge committed to their care. To them, in great measure, God has intrusted the work of molding the character and deciding the destiny of their children for eternity. With reason may you ask, "Who is sufficient for these things." When you consecrated your children to the Lord in their baptism, you promised to train them up for Him. With solemn vows you pledged yourselves to be faithful to their souls. Nor in this did you bind yourselves to anything beyond what the commands of God, the honor of religion, your own good, and the everlasting well-being of your chilcren demand. Trifle not, we pray you, with a pledge so sacred. Prayerfully address yourself to this work as your rich privilege, and work on in love, in patience and hope, faithfully fulfilling your vows. Keep them inviolate to the end; and when called to your final account, it shall be yours to say "Behold me, and the children whom thou hast given me."

Christian parents, who withhold their children from baptism, may well be urged to review the reasons why they neglect the ordinance. Is it because God has not expressly enjoined this duty upon you, and you ought not to give countenance to a rite which has not his express warrant? And can your duty be made plain in no other way? You conscientiously observe the christian sabbath, but where is your warrant for the change from the seventh to the first day of the week? You find not in the Bible any express command to that effect. Moreover you feel it your duty to maintain family

worship, but where has God enjoined upon you any such thing? In neither of these cases, is the scriptural evidence of duty a whit more conclusive, than in that of infant baptism. And why do you adopt a principle of conduct in one case, and abandon it in another essentially like it? Do you really fear that you would displease Christ by bringing your little child to him, putting upon it the seal of your faith in his promise, and placing yourself under the most urgent motives to labor for its salvation? Would such consecration of your child, and your vows well fulfilled, ever awaken regrets? When the Saviour, with little children in his arms, declares them to be subjects of his kingdom, does it become your parental tenderness and love for your child, to hold it back from the place he has provided for it? We ask you to look into this subject again, and more deeply, and see if the Saviour has not more kindly and lovingly provided for your child than you have thought. As you hope to meet your dear offspring in heaven, diligently inquire into this matter; and the Lord guide you into the knowledge of his will.

And should not the pastors of these churches inquire whether the indifference and neglect, prevailing in them, with respect to this ordinance, may not in great part be owing to the lack of instruction on the subject. They hear many excellent sermons on faith, repentance, the character and offices of Christ, the work of the Spirit, depravity, regeneration, the evidences of piety, and the duty of remembering Christ in the Holy Supper, and all this is well; but how often do they hear explained and enforced, the doctrines and precepts regarding parental obligation and filial duty, in their relations to infant baptism? Are not many christian parents greatly in the dark, as to the nature and grounds of their duty respecting this ordinance? Has this subject had its proper place in the ministrations of the sanctuary, not in the form and spirit of sectarian controversy, but as an indispensable part in the regular inculcation of scriptural truth, appealing in love to the individual hearts and consciences of parents and children? Who will say that the injunctions "Train up a child in the way he should go;" "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord;" "Children obey your parents in the Lord;" are not of the same authority as "Repent ye and believe the Gospel," and "This do in remembrance of me?" Or that they have not equal claim to a place in the pastor's regards? Or who will affirm that the enforcement of them, has not as vital a connexion with the true life and prosperity of the church of God?

Ignorant of the facts, we bring no charge of delinquency against the congregational ministers of Vermont, but in view of the state of the churches, we pray our brethren beloved, to whom are committed the mysteries of the gospel, rightly to divide the Word, giving to each his portion in due season.

ESSAY, BY REV. PLINY H. WHITE.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY OF VERMONT.

It needs little argument to show that history is the only solid foundation upon which to build a well proportioned and enduring superstructure of learning. In every department of intellectual effort, the value of historical knowledge is recognized, and no one feels himself well grounded in his specific science, profession, or art, unless he knows the facts connected with its rise and progress. Facts are the food of the mind, which it digests, and from which it excogitates thoughts and principles. It is for lack of such food that many of the speculations of the German mind are so thin and watery, and it is because of an abundant supply of such nutriment that the Anglo-Saxon literature is so hearty and satisfying. How important history is to the theologian, may readily be inferred from this, that so very large a part of the Scriptures, both of the Old and the New Testament, is history. Nor is the circumstance to be overlooked, that the historical portion of the Scriptures not only exceeds in quantity all the other portions, whether song, proverb, prophecy or epistle, but precedes them all in the order of arrangement. He who inspired the sacred volume and controlled its arrangement and proportions, has hereby given us very decided intimations as to the true value of historical knowledge.

History is valuable not only because it informs us as to the past, but because it throws light upon the present, and enables us to exercise a wise forecast as to the future. There is nothing new under the sun, and there is not likely to be. The great movements in social, political, and moral life, no less than the great movements of the planetary and stellar systems, are in circles. In due season the same combinations of causes occur again, and the events of history are repeated. "The thing that hath been is that which shall be." Even the extraordinary and apparently anomalous events that sometimes occur, would be found to have their precedents, if only our acquaintance with precedents was sufficiently extensive and minute. Our recent war, strange as it was, and accompanied by so many circumstances that were thought to be quite unparalleled, was but a repetition in America of what had previously been transacted in Europe among the cantons of Switzerland; our great tragedy, indeed, being performed upon a larger theatre, and with more extensive appointments, but presenting with astonishing fidelity all the leading features and a multitude of the minor details of its rehearsal on the transatlantic stage.

To a mind, therefore, capable of memory, analysis, and comparison, a thorough and critical knowledge of history will very often be equivalent to personal experience, as a guide through the tangled affairs of life. If history is thus important to the intelligent man in whatever department of effort, it is of pre-eminent importance to him who has to do with the moral and religious movements of the world. The springs of human action being always the same, and always acting in the same medium of native depravity, the deliverances of the human mind and heart in any particular moral direction cannot materially differ at different times. Means may differ, phraseology

may change, methods of operation may vary, but the premises and the conclusion will be substantially identical. There are new styles of conveyance in the spiritual as well as in the material world, but the starting point and the terminus are the same as of old. We see this illustrated most clearly and forcibly by the periodical recurrence of the same doctrinal heresies, sustaining themselves by the same arguments, and opposing the same objections to the truth, as they did in the by-gone centuries. Millerism, Universalism, and nearly every other form of misbelief, emerge and subside from time to time, and stand to-day, if they stand at all, upon the same arguments and no other, that have had the breath of life beaten out of them on scores of the old battle-fields of Theology.

In connection with these observations upon the history of misbelief, it is obvious to remark that the historical method of presenting the doctrines of the Christian faith is one of the most effective which the theologian can employ. The warm and lively colors of the concrete catch the eye more readily, and hold the attention more closely, than the grave and subdued tints of the abstract.

Every mind appreciates a well authenticated fact, relating to any subject in which the mind is interested. The Theologian, then, who would set any doctrine of revelation in a clear, bright light, and impress his hearers with a sense of its Scriptural authority, can do nothing better than to trace historically its gradual communication to man and his gradual reception of it, from its first faint appeal to the human mind in its infancy, through successive clearer and fuller revelations, as the mind was able to bear, down to the time when the doctrine was announced in all its completeness, "*totus, teres, et rotundus.*" By the same process, he would show more forcibly than in any other way, the mutual connection and interdependence of the two volumes of revelation, and of the earlier and later books of each, when it thus appeared that the earlier prepare for the reception of the later, while the later enable us to understand the otherwise obscure hints and intimations of the former.

Not to protract these general remarks on the value of history and the historical method, we proceed to remark that the ecclesiastical history of Vermont has special claims upon the attention and study of every Vermont minister, and, indeed, of every Vermont christian. To speak only of the enjoyment to be experienced in the study of it, it is beyond question that the facts thus brought to view, and the reflections to which they naturally give rise, will afford an intellectual gratification not to be surpassed by that arising from any other source. Especially is this true in regard to the early history, which partakes very largely of the same romantic element that displays itself in the early civil and political history of Vermont. How could it otherwise than share in that element when the same men were, to no small extent, the actors in ecclesiastical and political affairs. They were men, for the most part, of scanty culture and moderate learning, but sensible, shrewd, and original, and they left their peculiar impress upon all with which they had to do. Many of them were men of deep and decided as well as peculiar piety, with an almost Puritanic quaintness in many of their sayings and doings.

It is a question well worthy of investigation by the student of Vermont ecclesiastical history, whether the first permanent settlement of the State did not have its origin in religious convictions, and was not occasioned by the desire of finding freedom to worship God, as well as was the original settlement of New England by the Pilgrim Fathers. Quite certain is it that the first church organization in the State, the Congregational church in Bennington, consisted mainly of persons who had separated themselves from other churches for the sake of greater liberty and zeal in the Christian Life. It was in fact a Massachusetts church transplanted, bodily, pastor and all, in-

to the wilderness at Bennington, and the concerns of the little colony were managed with reference to the interests of the church as entirely as were the affairs of the colony at Plymouth. And the lesson taught us by the early history of that church in regard to the Christian shrewdness, which, without exercising any intolerance of opinion, or dealing oppressively with persons of different faith, or of no faith at all, nevertheless so managed affairs that religion was the controlling power, and Congregationalism the only form of religion for nearly two thirds of a century, is worth being attended to and practiced upon in these latter days when there are so few communities, if any, in which religious concerns are not made subordinate to social, political, or business considerations.

A thorough acquaintance with the ecclesiastical history of Vermont will relieve its ministers from much of the distressing anxiety they are likely to feel in reference to the success of their labors. For it will assure them of the fact that the places where, little more than half a century ago, the discouragements to the minister were the greatest, and their expectations the faintest, are the very places where now the institutions of the gospel have their firmest foothold, and the churches are strongest in numbers and influence. At that point of time, the minister and church exerted almost no restraining influence upon the depravity which prevailed in such places as Montpelier, St. Albans, Rutland, St. Johnsbury, and other towns, in which we now witness an altogether different state of things. What is said by the historian of the St. Albans Church, in regard to the condition of morals in that town, was true with but slight modifications of the other towns named, and of numerous others. "In addition to the desecration of the Sabbath, which was exhibited every week upon the public square, in the most open and defiant manner, it is said that many of the leading men of the town were habitual and shameless gamblers, and that gaming was practiced, with little attempt at concealment, even upon the Sabbath—that brutal fights at trainings, raisings, and the like gatherings, were of common occurrence—and that intemperance was scarcely regarded as a disgrace, so many being involved in it, and that too, in good standing in other respects, it attracted but little attention." Ministers and Christians, who see and lament a similar state of morals in the places where Providence has cast their lot, may gather hope and courage for the future, as they see the changes that have been wrought through the instrumentality of the gospel.

An acquaintance with the ecclesiastical history of the State will furnish at least one ground of encouragement for those ministers, possibly the majority in the State, who do not hope, and cannot reasonably expect ever to see their churches large and strong, but who must needs content themselves with maintaining the *status in quo*, if indeed they are spared the painful sight of churches continually declining, and verging towards extinction. That is the present and prospective condition of many churches in the more strictly rural parishes. Business is going to decay, population is diminishing, emigration is sapping the very life-blood of society and the church, and the tendencies of everything are downward. But the past history of our churches shows us that even this state of things is not without its mitigations and compensations. It is from these same churches, which barely hold their own as to membership and organic power, that there come the principal recruits for the ranks of the ministry. It is curious to observe that the church in Cornwall, whose membership has decreased two-fifths in forty years, has given birth to almost a score of ministers, and among them some of the leading theologians in the land, while the Montpelier church, smaller forty years ago than that in Cornwall, but now having more than twice as many members, has produced but one minister, native of that town; that the church in Thetford, which has decreased 20 per cent. has produced sixteen ministers, while the church in St. Albans, which has increased fifty per cent., has produced but two; and that the church in Halifax, which has all that time been dwindling away, till it has at last become utterly extinct, has,

during the lingering consumption of which it died, given birth to ten ministers and missionaries, while the church at St. Johnsbury, which has become four bands, with an aggregate membership of more than half a thousand, has sent out only two ministers. Here is encouragement for the minister or member of a stationary or declining church, as well as a subject for the philosophical historian to speculate upon, and inquire into the reason of this contrast.

Notwithstanding what has been said of the advantages of an acquaintance with the ecclesiastical history of Vermont, these advantages and whatever others of the same kind, are practically denied to those who might be benefitted by them. The ecclesiastical history of Vermont is a sealed book because an unwritten book. Fragmentary portions of it exist in a printed form, as chapters in local histories, as church manuals, as historical sermons, as articles in periodicals. But these fragments are few in number, and small in bulk, and there are not many persons who possess them all, or even the major part of them. Other, larger, and more valuable portions exist in the form of centennial and semi-centennial sermons, which have been preached, but remain as yet in manuscript, accessible only to the authors.* Some portions exists in the form of church records, very many of which are called records on the *lucus a non lucendo* principle, because they record little or nothing that one wants to know. But by far the largest, and that the most interesting and instructive, remains in the memories of ministers and other Christians, who could tell, if they would, of glorious revivals, and the agencies by which they were carried forward, of afflictions and tribulations, and how out of them all the Lord delivered them, and of the ebb and flow of Christian life, by which the churches have been built up and made strong, or divided, scattered and peeled. He who should attempt to make himself acquainted with the ecclesiastical history of Vermont, would soon discover that he had attempted a task, compared with which the study of the Hebrew language, or of the Hamiltonian philosophy, would be mere child's play.

To collect and digest these abundant and widely scattered materials, to select judiciously from the great mass, and to present the solid facts in an accessible form, would be a task requiring immense toil, indeed, but nevertheless worthy to be done, and, when done, a work of great and permanent value. Such a work should contain, in the first place, a history of each individual church, from its foundation, setting forth the circumstances in which it was founded, and the facts attending its rise and progress, the method by which it was built up, the special difficulties it had to encounter, the peculiar means by which its prosperity was promoted or its decline effected, and, in general, whatever has helped to bring it to its present state. In connection with the history of each church, there should be a record of the lives and labors of its ministers, with such an analysis of their personal and official character as will exhibit and explain their relations to the growth and character of the church. In some cases this must needs be a very prominent feature of the work. Such men as Merrill of Middlebury, Hopkins of New Haven, Clark of Bennington, Jackson of Dorset, Worcester and Merrill of Peacham, Birge of Guildhall, Brainard of Randolph, Smith of St. Albans, and Burton of Thetford—not to mention a score of other names that occur to me—are not to be dismissed with a paragraph. The impress which they made upon their churches was so deep and strong that it is visible to this day, and will remain visible for long years to come.

Nor should there be omitted a similar record concerning the men whom each church has given to the ministry. With a not unholy pride may the Congregational churches of this State point to the five hundred and fifty native sons of Vermont who have entered the ministry, and say: "These

* A Sermon preached in Bennington, by Rev. Isaac Jennings, on the Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Bennington Church, is worthy of especial mention; and, if ever given to the press, it will be found to be the most valuable contribution to the ecclesiastical history of Vermont that has yet been made.

are my jewels." They are found in positions of usefulness, gaining respect for themselves and honor for their native State, and doing good service in the cause of Christ, all over the land from the St. Lawrence to the Sacramento, and from the Kennebec to "the continuous woods where rolls the Oregon." You will find a Vermont minister in the extreme South-west of Texas, doing picket duty so far in advance of the ecclesiastical body to which he belongs that it has never yet held a session within two hundred miles of him. You will find one in Washington Territory, preaching the gospel in a house of worship built at his own charges, and planting Congregational institutions there in advance of all others. You will find them all along the perilous edge of battle, where it raged and still rages between the advancing spirit of freedom and the retreating spirit of slavery. You will find them wherever there is a blow to be struck for truth and righteousness, wherever there is a giant evil to be fought and subdued, wherever there is work to be done for God and humanity; and wherever you find them, they are not ashamed of the mother who bore them, and she has no occasion to be ashamed of them.

The ecclesiastical history of Vermont will not be completed when all the facts are put on record. There yet remains the not less severe task of determining and announcing the philosophy of the facts. It is of comparatively small account to know that such and such events took place, unless it can be determined with some reasonable degree of certainty why they took place. It is only because we reason from like causes to like effects that a knowledge of the past can be of any service to us in forecasting the future, or can aid us in our endeavor to reproduce any of the desirable features of the past. If we have the effects only, the facts, our acquaintance with history will be of small value to us. There is need, therefore, of rigid investigation into the hidden causes of the events which are put on record, that so those events may stand in their true light, and may reflect a light that shall not mislead us in our way through the future.

It is hardly necessary to say that an ecclesiastical history of Vermont, upon the plan now proposed, is not a work to be accomplished by any one person. No man could possibly achieve the undertaking, unless by devoting his whole time to a task, in which there are great difficulties to encounter, toilsome work to do, not a few rebuffs and disappointments to experience, and little recompense to be received for all, except the satisfaction of doing a good service to the churches. This suggests the one practical observation, with which this essay closes. Every minister should feel under imperative obligations thoroughly to investigate, and put on record, the history of his own church, as his personal contribution to a history of all the churches. No one can do this as well as he. Much of its history has taken place under his own eye, and is the result of his own labors. He has more ready access than any other person can have to all the sources of information that need be consulted. He needs to know the history for his own sake and for the sake of the church, for he cannot understand his church unless he knows the experiences through which it has passed. If he does not do the work, it is very likely never to be done. Let every minister, when he returns from Convention, make it his earliest labor to write the history of his church, and having written it, to make sure that it is preserved, by committing it to the press. By this means, and this only, can we reasonably expect ever to accumulate the materials of which to construct "The Ecclesiastical History of Vermont."

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held at Newbury, on Wednesday forenoon, June 20, 1866.

The Society was called to order by the President, J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. McKEEN, a committee was appointed to report a list of officers for the ensuing year.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented, showing receipts and balances of last year.....$14,169 13

Disbursements..... 10,381 78

Balance on hand at date..... $3,787 35

Besides this the Treasurer has in his hands in notes, bonds, &c., donated as a permanent fund..... $9,982 96

An abstract of the Report of the Directors was presented by Rev. C. S. SMITH, the Corresponding Secretary, and was followed by addresses from Rev. Mr. CLAPP, one of the Secretaries of the American Home Missionary Society, and by Rev. RAY PALMER, of New York.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following list of officers, who were unanimously elected:

President—J. W. HICKOK, ESQ.

Vice Presidents—Hon. E. P. WALTON; Hon. WILLIAM NASH; Hon. WILLIAM C. KITTREDGE.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Recording Secretary—Rev. C. C. TORREY.

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The Society adjourned.

Attest, C. C. TORREY, *Recording Secretary*.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

We celebrate to-day the close of the Forty-Eighth year of our Missionary labor. For nearly half a century, we have been permitted to prosecute our work among the hills and valleys of our beloved commonwealth.

From the pure river of the water of life, which proceedeth out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, we have sought to convey, through divinely appointed channels, those streams which transform the moral wastes and deserts into fertile fields, causing the parched land to become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water, that every where the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley may flourish and blossom abundantly.

We have endeavored, by sending forth the heralds of salvation, to prepare the way of the Lord, to make the crooked places straight, to cast up a highway, which should be called the way of holiness, in which the redeemed of the Lord might walk and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads.

Though our work has been but imperfectly accomplished, we are persuaded that it is a noble and blessed service and has not been in vain in the Lord.

While it is true that all of the wastes have not been reclaimed, and that many of the inhabitants of our State have never been induced to turn their steps into the King's highway, or to taste of the water of life, yet we have abundant evidence, that, in places not a few, the thorn and the brier have given place to the myrtle and the fir-tree, and that many a weary traveler has joined the company of the redeemed in their journey to the New Jerusalem, and slaked his thirst from those cooling streams of which if a man drink he shall never thirst again.

Our work, the past year, has been much the same in character and results as in previous years. A few churches have been blessed with the special influences of God's spirit. We have experienced enough of spiritual blessings to awaken our gratitude and lead us to long for more; while, at the same time, we are made conscious of our great need, and reminded of our entire dependence on the sovereign grace of God.

The following Tables exhibit the principal statistics, connected with the several churches and fields occupied during the year, in the Ordinary and Itinerant Departments, with a brief notice of each.

	Aided Churches.	Ministers.	Date of Commission.	Length Com.	Aid pledged.	Months labor performed.	Hopeful converts.	Added. Prof.	Added. Letter.	Removed. Dismis'd	Removed. Deaths.	Removed. Exco.	Resid.memb.	Male resid'nt Members.	Non resid'nt Members.	Average congregati'n	Sabbath School.	Contributions. Home Missions.	Contributions. Other Objects.
1	Arlington East.	C. Redfield.	May 27, 1866	12	$125 00 00	12	2				1		38	12	6	70	60	$26 00	$33 00
2	Barnet	J. Underwood	June 1, 1865	12	100 00 00	12					1		31	7	17	126	120	3 44	186 00
3	Bellows Falls	M. A. Stevens	June 1, 1866	12	150 00 00	12		5	3	3	3		20	8	36	115	115	8 23	168 68
4	Berlin West—1-2 time	J. F. Stone.	June 1, 1866	12	75 00 00	12		1					33	3	2	75	75	31 00	
5	Bethel	T. H. Johnson	July 1, 1865	12	100 00 00	12			3	1			38	7	9	75	90	30 00	85 00
6	Braintree	J. B. Griswold	Feb. 18, 1866	12	150 00 00	12		1			1		34	15	12	60	50	23 00	3 53
7	Bristol	G. S. Gleason.	Jan. 1, 1866	12	150 00 00	12		6	6	1	2		45	21	4	100	62	20 00	36 00
8	Brownington.	S. R. Hall	Jan. 1, 1865	12	150 00 00	12	3						46	19	10	70	65	8 00	88 00
9	Burke East	W. R. Joyslin	April 1, 1866	12	100 00 00	12	1			1	4		33	14	10	100	80	12 00	
10	Charleston West	Levi Loring	June 1, 1865	12	175 00 00	12	18						46	11	5	140	110	60	109 55
11	Colchester.	L. H. Elliot	Sept. 1, 1864	12	100 00 00	3													
12	Glover	E. E. Herrick	Jan. 15, 1866	12	100 00 00	5							56	6	17	89	80	28 05	42 00
13	Guildhall	S. K. B. Perkins	Aug. 15, 1865	12	150 00 00	12	1	3	6	3	2		48	14	15	125	150	20 00	83 00
		L. H. Blake	Oct. 1, 1864	12	100 00 00	4													
		James Laird	Feb. 6, 1866	12	200 00 00	4													
14	Holland	T. Bayne	Aug. 1, 1865	6	100 00 00	6	1		1				50	10	41	80	80	6 27	6 37
15	Hubbardton	C. Granger.	Sept. 1, 1865	12	150 00 00	12	1						14	3	4	70	80	6 00	25 00
16	Hydepark—1-2 time	J. G. Bailey	Sept. 1, 1865	12	50 00 00	12	2				1		17	3	4	75	60	20 00	10 00
17	Hydepark North—1-2 time.	J. G. Bailey	Sept. 1, 1865	12	125 00 00	12		2					23	7	1	90	95	20 00	50 00
18	Island Pond	J. W. H. Baker	May 1, 1866	12	200 00 00	12	11	1	1		1		27	10	2	80	55	17 25	15 75
19	Lowell—1-2 time	A. A. Smith	April 1, 1866	12	75 00 00	12	2	1		3			16	6	7	80	75	20 00	24 26
20	Morgan—1-2 time	A. R. Gray.	July 1, 1866	12	50 00 00	12	3	4	1	4	5		22	12	3	80	80	15 00	42 00
21	Morrisville	L. Bartlett.	Aug. 8, 1865	12	100 00 00	12	16	4	4		1		50	5	11	90	90	3 30	27 55
22	Newport	R. V. Hall.	Sept. 1, 1865	12	200 00 00	12	1	5	1				63	17	29	125	75	40 40	71 60
23	North Hero	S. H. Williams	Nov. 18, 1865	12	150 00 00	12						2	48	22	6	125	110	65 00	85 00
24	Pittsfield	S. Sparhawk	April 1, 1866	12	100 00 00	12		1			1		7	3	4	45		29 10	
25	Plainfield	C. M. Winch.	Nov. 1, 1865	12	125 00 00	12	2	1		2	3		14	14	19	65	40	20 00	37 50
26	Pomfret.	W. H. Kingsbury	Dec. 1, 1865	12	100 00 00	12	4	2		2	2		27	8	7	85	72	25 15	
27	Post Mills	Scott.	Oct. 20, 1865	12	100 00 00	7	5						34	9	7	90	40		
28	Ripton	C. Kent.	June 1, 1866	12	200 00 00	12	3	2	11	1	2		28	9	10	150	75		71 50
29	Roxbury	A. Ladd.	Oct. 1, 1865	12	100 00 00	12	5	1			1		46	9		75	75		22 50
30	Sheldon.	G. B. Tolman	June 1, 1866	12	100 00 00	12	6	1	1				98	17	16	50	50	30 00	24 00
31	Stowe.	J. F. Ford.	Sept. 1, 1865	12	100 00 00	12	20	14	3	2	3		49	25	3	80	50	27 47	54 00
32	Sudbury.	H. F. Rustedt	Sept. 1, 1865	12	200 00 00	12		1			1		72	11	25	65	60	23 36	214 00
33	Troy.	John A. Farrar	Feb. 24, 1866	12	200 00 00	12		1		2	2		28	5	11	70	95	75 00	164 25
34	Tunbridge.	E. H. Alden	Oct. 1, 1865	12	150 00 00	12	2	1		2	2	1	16	11	13	85	75		12 50
35	Vershire	C. Doren	Jan. 1, 1866	12	100 00 00	12	1		2	1	1		24	11	5	85	60	22 00	42 00
		M. Kimball	June 1, 1865	12	90 00 00	9	3			1			64	18	10	70	70		58 18
36	Weathersfield Bow—1-2 time	G. H. White	March 1, 1866	12	90 00 00	3	3	2					9	3		65	50	15 50	16 25
37	Wolcott	H. Herrick.	April 1, 1865	12	125 00 00	12		1	3				42	15	7	100	55	20 00	21 35
38	Worcester	D. Perry	May 1, 1866	13	125 00 00	13	1	1			1		40	14	18	75	65		

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ARLINGTON EAST.—This church is partly composed of members from Sunderland. Rev. C. Redfield, who commenced his labors near the beginning of the year, reports the interest in religion to be very feeble, while earthly and temporal things have a strong hold on the hearts of the people. Six families have moved away during the year.

2. BARNET.—Great changes have taken place within a few months. The manufacturing establishment has passed into other hands. Several christian families have moved into the village. Business is increasing, and the prospects of both village and church are encouraging. The loss of five members, which the church has suffered the past year, will doubtless be more than made up.

3. BERLIN WEST.—This church has gained two members. They worship in a Union Meeting-House, having Methodist preaching every alternate Sabbath. "The attendance was seriously diminished, for some months, by the prevalence of typhoid fever."

4. BELLOWS FALLS.—Several families have removed away. The attendance however is undiminished and things look hopeful. The debt, with the exception of two hundred dollars, has been paid. A strong desire is felt to repair the meeting-house. A friend in New York has offered to pay one-fourth of $2,000, for this object, if the society will make up the remainder.

5. BETHEL.—The Sabbath-school is very prosperous under the care of Mr. F. W. Anderson, its faithful Superintendant. $1,000 have been raised to repair the church. The Missionary writes: "Many changes have occurred since I came here, by deaths, removals and additions. The church has been very small for many years, and the great wonder is that the burning bush has not long since been consumed. But the church is undiminished, having one more member now than then. The congregation has increased fifty per cent. There are discouragements here as well as elsewhere, but it is pleasanter and more cheering to consider the sunny side."

6. BRAINTREE.—For many years this field has been tilled by Rev. A. Nichols. As increasing infirmities made it necessary for him to resign the work he has so long performed, Rev. J. B. Griswold has entered into his labors. The church is small and located in a purely agricultural district.

There are however families enough, within the limits of the parish, to make up a fair congregation and give useful employment to a faithful minister.

7. BRISTOL.—It has been a year of great outward prosperity to this church. Having been without a resident minister, and with preaching only every other Sabbath for more than two years, they have now a settled pastor who devotes his whole time to them. The meeting-house has been repaired. A carpet, communion service, and church furniture were presented to them by neighboring churches. The choir has been greatly improved. Several families, unaccustomed to attend meeting, have joined the congregation, which is becoming more uniform and permanent.

8. BROWNINGTON.—This church has been losing in strength and efficiency for several years. Unless its members manifest more energy and zeal, in strengthening the things that remain, there is danger that they will be so weakened, as to be unable to sustain preaching even with help from others.

9. BURKE EAST.—The church here, through the favor of a friend and former resident of the town, have a house of worship to themselves. A society has been organized, in legal form, and a parsonage purchased though not paid for. The people are united in feeling, have subscribed liberally for the support of their minister, and, better than all, they have been visited with the quickening and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit.

10. CHARLESTON WEST.—We learn, with regret, that Rev. L. Loring is about to leave this church. They have exhibited a good degree of prosperity, harmony, and liberality for several years. May the Great Shepherd care for this little flock and send them a faithful pastor to fold and feed them!

11. COLCHESTER.—After Mr. Elliot left, this church was destitute of stated preaching for nearly four months, till they procured the services of Rev. E. E. Herrick. The purchase of a parsonage is an encouraging feature in their prospects for the future.

12. GLOVER.—The church here, with its two places of worship, holds on its way under the faithful labors of its pastor, who writes: "We had much anxiety, for a season, in regard to the many changes occurring in this county by the sale of farms. By this means we were called to part with a leading member of our church, who had for twenty years held the office of Deacon, and had, for many years, been Superintendent of our Sabbath-school. Providentially a good Deacon from another town has come to us, and united with our church. Also another worthy brother and sister, so that our ranks are filled up, and we are encouraged to go on." This church has given one of its members to the work of the ministry during the year,

viz: Mr. E. W. Hatch, who was licensed by the Orleans County Association and now preaches in East Berkshire.

13. GUILDHALL.—After being more than twenty years without a pastor, and a part of the time without any minister, this church has settled Rev. James Laird. A cabinet organ has been procured and a parsonage is being built. Great earnestness and liberality are manifest, in the efforts made to support the institutions of the gospel. The change for the better, both in the church and community, since an itinerant laborer was sent there two years ago, is said to be very marked. There is a sufficient population within a suitable distance to build up a large society.

14. HOLLAND—was supplied by Rev. T. Bayne, for six months. The church is small, but located in a good farming town, yet only imperfectly developed. It is believed that, by some self-denial, and earnest, persevering effort, on the part of the present generation, eventually a strong church may be built up here. Their first want is a parsonage. The Rev. A. R. Gray is preaching for them half of the time.

15. HUBBARDTON.—The congregation and members of this church are widely scattered. The church has lost seriously by the removal of substantial members to other places. The missionary, however, labors on with good courage, and reports a Sabbath school and weekly prayer meeting kept up through the year. The choir has been materially improved, and the attendance on public worship is more regular than heretofore.

16. HYDEPARK.—Worship is held in a Union Meeting-house on alternate Sabbaths, in connection with the Methodists. The church has had a slow, but steady growth from the first. The attendance on public worship is on the increase.

17. HYDEPARK NORTH.—The pastor finds many discouragements in this field. Difficulties between brethren, and the want of an enlarged spirit of Christian forbearance and charity, weaken the power of the church and bring dishonor upon the christian name. An out-pouring of the spirit of God is greatly needed.

18. ISLAND POND.—Nothing of particular interest has occurred in this field during the year. By reason of the settlement of a pastor, they have had more permanent ministerial influences than heretofore.

19. LOWELL.—A good work has been accomplished. A Temperance Society of more than seventy members has been organized, and intemperance, which was prevalent in town, has almost entirely ceased. The faithful preaching of the word has been blessed to the conversion of several persons

of mature age, and a very general seriousness has pervaded the community. Rev. A. A. Smith, who preaches alternately here and at Westfield, has labored with great fidelity, and to the injury of his health. He regards this field as very hopeful. They have freed themselves from debt, made some repairs on their house of worship, and are considering the matter of getting a parsonage. Both this church and the one at Westfield must soon have a pastor of its own.

MORGAN—has been supplied half of the time, through the year, by Rev. A. R. Gray. They worship in a Union Meeting-house, in connection with the Methodists. The Missionary reports the average attendance as ten greater than last year, and the Sabbath-school as having considerably increased in numbers and interest. Lectures are preached Sabbath evenings by rotation in three different school districts.

21. MORRISVILLE.—There is a great diversity of religious sentiment in this town, a large crop of meeting-houses, and considerable zeal for sect. Such a field presents many discouragements to the minister, and requires great wisdom and grace, to commend one's self to every man's conscience in the sight of God. Mr. Bartlett labors on hopefully, and not without tokens of God's blessing. Though a strong outside pressure has been brought to bear upon the Congregational church and society, they appear to hold their own. The pastor reports more labor in out-districts than heretofore.

22. NEWPORT—sends in a cheering report. The Sabbath-school is very large and interesting. Some eight or ten of its members have become the subjects of renewing grace. The Missionary writes, "There were indications of the Spirit's presence in our congregation last November, but more special tokens of his divine power in March and April. Our prayer-meetings have been well attended all winter, and many of them most interesting and precious seasons. A number of the brethren and sisters in the church have had their graces much revived. In December there were four or five hopeful conversions, and in March and April some twelve or fifteen. We feel grateful to God for these mercy drops. But how small the number seems in comparison to the multitudes around who are thronging the broad road to death!"

23. NORTH HERO.—This church is one of the least of the thousands of Israel, and needs to take, by faith, fast hold of an Almighty Helper. The town of North Hero contains about seventy families and has considerable wealth. There is no regular evangelical preaching except by our Missionary. He gives a sad account of the religious condition of the people. He writes, "The community generally are entirely void of anything like a re-

gard for the salvation of their souls. Since I have been here there have been times when there appeared to be some indications of a better state of things; but these have passed away, and a perfect state of indifference succeeded. The older class in the community, with *very few* exceptions, are destitute of any conscientious principles in reference to religion. Hence we find the young disregarding their own salvation. Intemperance is on the increase. There is a general neglect of the Sabbath. Many never attend church. It is easy to imagine what kind of society exists in a place where such a state of things prevails. I hope for a change, and am confident that some of the members of this little church are praying for the work of God to be revived."

16. PITTSFIELD.—Nothing of special interest comes from this church. The regular ministrations of the Gospel have been maintained, and seed sown which may yet bear fruit a hundred fold.

25. PLAINFIELD.—Though four have been added to the church by profession, it numbers less than it did a year ago. The Missionary, who it is believed has labored with great fidelity, expresses the confident hope of a blessing upon his flock.

26. POMFRET.—The Missionary writes, "The church is in harmony. The people have treated me with great kindness, having given me nearly $100, besides their annual donation. I regret that I can report no increase in the membership of the church. We can only cast in the seed and wait in hope. We need above all things the awakening presence and power of the Holy Spirit."

27. POST MILLS.—This church owns a house of worship in company with the Baptists, with whom they unite in employing, alternately, for the term of two years each, Baptist and Congregationalist preaching. Rev. A. Scott has been laboring there since the first of September, with hopeful results.

28. RIPTON.—This church is making a great effort to build a new house of worship. $2,000 have been raised for that purpose in town. They hope for some help from abroad. Two members of the church are looking forward to the ministry. A large boarding-house is in process of erection for summer resort, and the business capacities of the town seem to be developing.

29. ROXBURY.—Rev. A. Ladd preaches here three-fourths of the time. The Universalists occupy the church the other fourth. The western cattle trains stop at this station over the Sabbath, very much to the disturbance of the quiet and peace of those who wish to spend the day in the worship of God. The church has gained eight members during the year.

30. SHELDON—remains much as last year. The church members are less. The average attendance is affected by the loss of their horse-sheds by fire. They are to be rebuilt. The Missionary feels as much encouragement to labor as at any time in the past.

STOWE.—Mr. Ford writes, "This has been a year of special blessing. We have to thank God for the work of his Holy Spirit among us. Every season of the year has witnessed some hopeful conversions. But especially during the spring has the renewing grace of God been manifest. Several members of the church have been quickened. I see no reason why the work of grace begun may not continue. The external affairs of the church are, on the whole, in a prosperous condition. The purchase of the parsonage, the increase of the Sabbath-school and of the membership of the church, the unbroken harmony which has prevailed among us during the year bring us under great obligations of gratitude to God."

32. SUDBURY—reports some cheering indications. The number of young persons attending on public worship is larger than at any time for seven years past. During the year the people have made the Missionary and his wife Life-Members of the Domestic Missionary Society, bought an Organ, Communion Table, Chairs, Carpeting and other Furniture for the Church, together with a Library, and new Class-Books for the Sabbath-School."

33. TROY.—The present Missionary commenced his labors here in February, and is encouraged at the end of his first quarter to hope for good results. A great effort has been made by the people to have preaching all of the time, and the congregation is, to a good degree, made up of young persons. A parsonage is very much needed.

34. TUNBRIDGE.—Mr. Alden writes, "The year has not been without indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the winter the prayer meetings were well attended, and much seriousness was manifest. Three young persons expressed a determination to serve the Lord, and have given good evidence of a change of heart. The meeting-house was repaired so as to be occupied the first of January, but painting is yet to be done. I think I may say that there is a decided advance from last year, yet not so great as we had devoutly wished."

35. VERSHIRE.—The flock in this town is scattered, and their zeal for the house of God not as great as could be desired. There is some evidence that the standard of Christian principle and benevolence is rising. The Missionary has labored on with much patience and self-denial. Occasional lectures are preached in five different neighborhoods.

36. WEATHERSFIELD BOW.—Rev. Mr. Kimball closed his labors here the last of February. Since which time, Rev. G. H. White has supplied them. The report from this field is very brief.

37. WOLCOTT.—Mr. Herrick writes, "In consequence of our population being so scattered, we have no weekly prayer-meeting, but most of the year I go, Sabbath evenings, into the various districts, and hold meetings for conference and prayer. These are well attended. There is not a member of this church living within two miles of the village. You well know the discouragements of this field; as fast as we increase we are diminished by emigration. Were it not for the number of young persons in my congregation, I should hardly be content to remain."

38. WORCESTER.—This church is in a much better condition than it was two years ago. Considerable progress, however, needs to be made before it will arrive at perfection. Some repairs have been made on the church, and a Cabinet Organ procured.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

Fields and Missionaries.	Began.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Travelling Expenses.	Amount to be paid. By the People.	Amount to be paid. By the Society.	Amount to be paid. Total.	Average Congregation.	Average Sabb'h School.
1. BRIDGEWATER			$	$	$	$	$	85	80
E. Gerry A.	Mar. 22, 1866	6	7 00	6 00	19 00	29 00	48 00		
C. M. Whittelsey, Aub.	May 1, 1866	3	7 00	...	....	....	....		
2. ANDOVER								125	45
P. H. Pitkin P.	April 22, 1866	9	6 00	3 40	....	57 40	57 40		
H. D. Jenkins U.	May 12, 1866	3	7 00	...	....	....	....		
3. CHITTENDEN								60	40
John Wright P.	April 28, 1866	11	6 00	3 00	41 25	27 75	69 00		
S. I. Briant U.	May 26, 1866	2	7 00	....	....	....	....		
4. CALAIS								80	30
C. F. P. Bancroft A.	Mar. 23, 1866	3	7 00	4 38	10 38	15 00	25 38		
Edward H. Camp P.	May 12, 1866	2	7 00	...	....	....	....		
5. DUXBURY								50	35
Joseph Ward A.	Mar. 29, 1866	5	6 00	3 00	17 65	10 35	28 00		
W. E. Locke U.	May 14, 1866	3	7 00	....	....	....	....		
6. EDEN								60	20
F. H. Seeley Aub.	May 27, 1865	6	6 00	6 75	35 60	7 15	42 75		
E. J. Ward U.	May 18, 1866	2	7 00	...	....	....	....		
7. CORINTH EAST								100	40
Rev. D. Connell.	Sept. 1, 1866	19	11 58	...	145 95	73 03	219 08		
8. LOWELL								90	80
R. S. Van Clive P.	May 3, 1865	3	6 00	2 00	3 00	35 00	38 00		
9. NEWBURY WEST								80	50
Rev. D. Connell.	Sept. 1, 1865	19	11 58	...	145 95	73 03	219 08		
10. PLYMOUTH								40	25
N. Smyth A.	Mar. 22, 1866	6	6 00	6 00	2 50	45 50	48 00		
G. P. Byington U.	May 18, 1866	2	7 00	....	....	....	....		
11. RICHMOND								90	35
Eben Halley P.	May 6, 1865	11	6 00	2 00	62 00	6 00	68 00		
12. ROCKINGHAM								80	30
E. E. P. Abbott U.	May 7, 1866	2	7 00	...	....	....	....		
13. STRATTON								55	30
S. Sayre P.	Apr 27, 1865	9	6 00	1 00	5 00	50 00	55 00		
C. E. Lane A.	Mar. 24, 1866	6	6 00	9 90	8 70	37 20	45 90		
M. J. Lamman U.	May 18, 1866	2	...	...	....	....	....		
14. TOPSHAM EAST									
Rev. D. Connell.	Sept. 1, 1865	..	...	...	....	....	....		
15. TROY								85	40
R. S. Van Clive P.	May 3, 1865	9	6 00	4 00	32 00	8 00	40 00		
16. FAIRLEE WEST			...	...	....	....	....	100	
J. A. Daly U.	May 25, 1866	1	7 00	...	....	....	....		
17. WARREN								100	50
H. M. Tenney A.	Mar. 24, 1866	6	7 00	8 00	1 00	49 00	50 00		
E. P. Adams Aub.	May 16, 1866	2	7 00	....	....	....	....		
18. WATERVILLE								125	60
F. H. Seeley Aub.	May 27, 1865	5	6 00	6 75	35 15	1 60	36 75		
E. J. Ward U.	May 19, 1866	2	7 00	...	....	....	....		
20. WEST HAVEN								90	50
F. M. Newman P.	June 2, 1865	7	6 00	3 00	40 00	5 00	45 00		
21. WHITEHALL EAST								60	30
B. G. Benedict P.	May 14, 1865	9	6 00	...	47 20	6 80	54 00		
C. B. Sumner A.	Mar. 23, 1866	6	7 00	7 50	42 00	7 50	49 50		
22. WOODBURY								80	35
C. F. P. Bancroft A.	Mar. 23, 1866	6	7 00	4 38	10 68	14 70	25 38		
E. H. Camp P.	May 12, 1866	1	7 00	...	....	....	....		
23. WESTFIELD								125	75
R. S. Van Clive		4	6 00	...	....	....	....		

To the names of Theological Students the initial letter of the institution with which they are connected is affixed. Thus—A. stands for Andover; Aub. for Auburn; U. for Union; P. for Princeton.

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ANDOVER.—This is the second year a Missionary has been sent to this town, in which there is no Congregational church. We have occupied the ground because of the great destitution of evangelical influences there. A good congregation has been gathered, and a Sabbath-school organized.

2. BRIDGEWATER.—Preaching has been maintained a part of the year without our aid. Being, however, destitute in the Spring, and discouraged by the loss of a leading member of the church, a missionary was sent them, who remained six weeks. He reported, on leaving, "the congregation increasing and the people hoping and praying for a revival of religion." His place was immediately supplied by another, who writes of the presence of God's Spirit and some hopeful conversions.

3. CHITTENDEN.—Much interest was awakened in this field last summer, and considerable effort made to secure a minister for the year. But a man for the place was not to be found.

4. CALAIS.—The meeting-house is occupied a part of the time this summer by Universalists, so that less opportunity has been afforded us to preach there than was expected in the Spring. This town has suffered for the want of continuous religious influences, by some one evangelical denomination. Almost every phase of religious belief exists, and is from time to time ministered to. Labor in such places seems much like casting seed upon the floods. We are, however, permitted to see enough germinate to encourage us to continue sowing. Calais has been the birth place of three Congregational ministers, of whom she has no reason to be ashamed.

5. DUXBURY.—The church has lost by removals the past year, but the congregation has been rather larger than heretofore, and a more general desire is expressed to have permanent preaching. Public worship is not held in town by any other denomination. If all would unite in earnest they might, with some aid, secure permanent preaching.

6. EDEN.—The Missionary divides his time between this place and Waterville. The church is smaller than it was years ago; yet we cannot but hope that, if those who remain are faithful, a change for the better will yet be seen, and that the set time to favor this Zion will soon come.

7 CORINTH EAST.—The only preaching in this village is by Rev. D. Connell, who has supplied them half of the time since September. It is believed that this community has suffered, in all that relates to their highest interests, both in regard to the life that now is, as well as to that which is to come, by their great neglect, for several years, to support the institutions of the Gospel. A desire is now expressed, by the members of the Congregational church in different parts of the town, to secure a good minister to preach half of the time at the East village, and the other half at the Center.

8. LOWELL.—This church is regularly supplied, half of the time, by its much esteemed pastor, Rev. A. A. Smith. Mr. Van Clive, who preached last summer at Troy, half of the time, spent some Sabbaths here. (See undor Ordinary Department.)

9. NEWBURY WEST.—Several Congregational families live in this part of the town, where there has been more or less Congregational preaching, from its first settlement. Rev. David Connell resides here, and preaches half of the time. An increase of religious interest was manifest during the winter, commencing with the week of prayer. A few hopeful conversions have been reported. We have no church organization here.

10. PLYMOUTH—contains two or three almost extinct churches. It has no business, social, or religious center, but several small collections of houses in different parts of the town. Rev. S. Baldwin, who has labored here for several years, desires, on account of increasing age and infirmities, to have another man in the field. The missionary now there preaches, in an old meeting house, in the south-eastern part of the town. The only hope of improvement is in the hearty union of all those who love Christ, under one organization. If this could be accomplished, a new house of worship might be built and a minister sustained.

11. RICHMOND.—The people were so pleased with the missionary sent them, that they engaged him for a year, and support him without aid.

12. ROCKINGHAM—is supplied this summer by Mr. E. E. P. Abbott. This field has not been under evangelical influences for some years. The attendance on meetings is quite encouraging.

13. STRATTON.—The labors of the missionaries are very much valued by this little church. The only other preaching in the town is by the Free-Will Baptists, half of the time.

14. TOPSHAM EAST.—It was expected that Rev. David Connell would preach one-fourth of the time to this church, but as no convenient place for holding meetings could be obtained, without interfering with arrangements

made by the Methodists, it was thought best for Mr. Connell to preach half of the time at East Corinth. The people in East Topsham, however, pay one hundred dollars towards his support.

15. TROY—was supplied last season by itinerant missionaries. (See under Ordinary Department.)

16. WEST FAIRLEE VILLAGE—has been destitute of the labors of an evangelical minister much of the time for two years past. A missionary has been sent them, in accordance with their express desire. This village should be constantly supplied with the ministrations of the Gospel. It is hoped that that end may be accomplished.

17. WARREN—has no constant preaching by any evangelical denomination. Rev. A. Ladd, of Roxbury, preached for them one-fourth of the time for a year, with good results. A student now supplies them all of the time. If as much zeal, determination, and self-denial existed here as in some churches, a minister might be sustained by them through the year, with a little aid.

18. WATERVILLE.—The church numbers sixteen, the congregation over a hundred. The meeting house is owned partly by the Methodists, who maintain preaching half of the time. A deep interest is taken on the part of this little church in having a missionary labor with them.

19 & 20. WEST HAVEN and EAST WHITEHALL—desire to get a minister to labor half of the time in each place. The two parishes are contiguous, and could give a comfortable salary to an acceptable minister.

21. WOODBURY.—This field is occupied in connection with Calais. The missionary has extended his labors to the western part of the town and organized a Sabbath-school in a neighborhood remote from any place of public meetings.

22.—WESTFIELD.—The missionary stationed at Troy supplied here a few Sabbaths, when Mr. Smith was at Lowell.

SUMMARY.

IN THE ORDINARY DEPARTMENT.

Forty missionaries have been employed. They have labored in thirty-eight different churches, performing thirty-two years of service. The reports from the several fields lead us to believe that there has been manifest, through the winter, more than usual seriousness and attention to the word. Some churches speak of the special presence of the Holy Spirit, viz: those in Stowe, Lowell, Newport and East Burke. In the latter place, the work seemed to commence with the effort to secure preaching, after a long period of destitution. It appeared on the first Sabbath that meetings were held.

Ten churches report no additions. Fourteen have suffered loss, numbering twenty-nine less than a year ago. Twenty-eight have received seventy-one by profession, and fifty-seven by letter; making one hundred and twenty-eight additions. Thirty have been dismissed, forty-six have died, and three been excommunicated; leaving a net gain of forty-nine members.

These churches contain a membership of 1,627. The congregations worshipping with them number over 3000 souls, and they gather into Sabbath schools 2619 pupils.

Five of the churches, whose names were in our last annual report, are not now assisted, viz: Ferrisburgh, Granby, Jericho Corners, Ludlow, and Weston. These will probably all need aid again. Their present independence of us is not owing to increased strength, but mainly to the absence of permanent ministerial labor. Four churches are now aided that were not a year ago, viz: Braintree, Bristol, Burke and Post-Mills.

The following indications of *outward prosperity* may be noted. In Bristol, Lowell, and Tunbridge, repairs have been made on their houses of worship. A new church is being erected in Ripton, and extensive repairs made in Bethel and Stowe. Parsonages have been purchased in Colchester, Burke and Stowe, and they are building one in Guildhall. In Hubbardton, Sudbury and Worcester they have supplied themselves with Cabinet Organs. While no pastor has been dismissed, three have been settled, viz: Rev. J. W. H. Baker, at Island Pond, Rev. G. S. Gleason, at Bristol, and Rev. James Laird, at Guildhall.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

Have occurred as follows: At East Arlington Rev. C. Redfield succeeded Rev. D. D. Francis. Rev. E. E. Herrick has taken the place, at Colchester, of Rev. L. H. Elliot. The church in Guildhall secured the services of Rev. James Laird, after Mr. L. H. Blake's time of service expired. Rev. G. H. White supplies at Weathersfield Bow in place of Rev. Moses Kimball. Rev. T. Bayne labored in Holland six months, after Rev. J. B. Griswold left, who now preaches in Braintree. Rev. C. Scott, whose labors in Troy were blessed to the building of two houses of worship in that town, and to the strengthening of the churches there, has removed to Post Mills.

Troy has, for the first time in her history, preaching every Sabbath by a resident minister—Rev. J. Farrar. This has cost them a great effort. After subscribing what was, in their judgment, the utmost of their ability, and counting on the largest sum they could hope to receive from the missionary society, they yet lacked $100, of making up a salary sufficient to support their minister. As they expressed strong hopes of being able to raise more next year, if they could be sustained through this, a gentleman, who has been a warm friend of our missionary work, offered to be responsible for the other hundred dollars and has put it into the hands of the Secretary.

Several of the churches now aided have, for some years, been slowly gaining in numbers and ability, and we confidently expect they will soon become self-sustaining. This is especially true of some in Orleans and Lamoille Counties.

One of the greatest advantages the aided churches receive from their dependence upon the missionary society, is, that, in complying with our rules, they are educated to give liberally to support the institutions of the Gospel. Being required to pay one hundred and twenty-five per cent. on their grand lists, before they can receive aid, they soon learn that they can give that amount without being impoverished thereby, and even more.

Some of our missionary churches give from three to four hundred per cent. on their grand lists for the support of their ministers.

We are gratified to see that the standard of giving, required of aided churches, which was fixed upon by this society, twelve years ago, is commending itself to the good judgment of other missionary societies, and is being adopted by them throughout New-England, and in some of the Western States.

Collections for benevolent objects are reported from the missionary churches to the amount of $2593.86. More than a thousand dollars of this has been paid into our Treasury.

IN THE ITINERANT DEPARTMENT,

Two hundred and twenty-one weeks of service have been performed in twenty-three fields, by twenty-eight missionaries. As the Missionary Superintendent desired to be excused from acting in that capacity, the labor in this department has fallen entirely upon the Corresponding Secretary, who has endeavored to do what he could, consistently with his other duties, to advance this branch of our work. A careful and thorough canvassing of all the towns in the State, where there are any destitutions or waste places, is much needed, in order to act intelligently and accomplish the utmost good by this arm of our service.

FUNDS FOR THE WORK.

At our last annual meeting, a gentleman, who, from the first, has taken a deep interest in our Itinerant work, renewed the offer he made several years ago, to give $500 a year, to carry it forward, if three, or even two thousand dollars could be raised, so as not to interfere with our ordinary collections. The Directors voted to accept of the offer and to raise, if possible, $3000.00. As the result of this effort, a little over $2000.00 has been secured, by individual pledges, and has mostly been paid over. It is very desirable that a similar effort be made the coming year, and pledges are invited from all who feel an interest in this object. It is believed that a much larger sum than we have had the past year, can be profitably expended in this work. By the light armed forces, which are thus placed at our disposal, we can penetrate into fields which we could not otherwise reach. We can visit and give encouragement to the feblest of our churches, carry the gospel into neighborhoods where it is seldom preached, and become acquainted with the real wants and capacities of the several localities.

ENCOURAGING RESULTS.

Every year, as it passes, bears new testimony to the valuable and permanent results of this agency.

The following cases, which have come to our notice during the past year, are worthy of record.

It was stated in the last annual report, that Guildhall, which had been two years without Congregational preaching, was taken up and occupied by an itinerant missionary, and that God had so blessed his labors, that the people had persuaded him to remain with them for a year. When his term of service closed, he returned to the Theological Seminary, to complete his course.

In the mean time the church had been so strengthened and quickened, that they immediately sought and settled a pastor, the first one they have had for more than twenty years. They have greatly increased their subscription for preaching, are building a parsonage, and every thing looks hopeful for their continued growth.

The church in Burke, which has been nursed by itinerant laborers for some years, has had a house of worship given them by a benevolent gentleman—a native of the town, now residing in New York city—thus settling the vexed question of location.

The missionary now laboring there, in the midst of a precious work of grace, writes, "In reviewing the history of this church, I am satisfied that the money and labor expended by the missionary society, to strengthen the things that remained here, have not been lost. I venture to say that, under God, this church has been kept together, by the aid you have given them, until the set time to favor this branch of his Zion has come from the Lord. I hope now that the things that have been so well sustained from perishing, are settling down upon a permanent foundation, and that, in due time, this will be a self-sustaining church."

Those who have known all the discouraging features in this case, will rejoice in the present favorable change, and have new courage to labor for other feeble churches. The church in Burke has passed from the Itinerant to the Ordinary department.

We are thankful for the good news from the itinerant missionary now laboring in Bridgewater, that God is present there by his Spirit, blessing this instrumentality to the salvation of souls. If they could be so strengthened as to build a house of worship, we should hope to see their names soon stricken from the roll of itinerant fields.

Several of our itinerant missionaries are at work in places where we have no churches organized, and where there is no preaching, by any evangelical denomination. This is true at West Fairlee Village, Simonsville, and Rockingham Centre. In the last two places there seems to be hardly an individual who makes any profession of being a disciple of Christ. We believe that it is according to the example and will of Christ to preach his Gospel in such communities. Relying upon his approval and aid, we will seek to do it. May He preciously own our humble endeavors!

In some cases it seems desirable to take possession of a field and employ a missionary in it, for a year or longer, to develop more fully its capabilities. In accordance with a wish, expressed at the annual meeting of the Orange County Conference a year ago, to have a missionary employed in that county for a year or more, we commissioned Rev. David Connell to devote

his time to West Newbury, East Corinth, and East Topsham. Though it may be too soon to speak with confidence of final results, good seems already to have been accomplished, and we hope for more.

MISSIONARY WORK AMONG THE FRENCH.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Society two years ago,—requesting the Directors to consider the wants of the French population in the State, and authorizing them, if deemed best, to employ a French speaking missionary, to labor in certain localities as an itinerant,—a commission was given in September last to Rev. E. N. Raymond to labor in Burlington and vicinity. The Protestant churches there expressed an interest in the work, and promised something towards Mr. Raymond's support. A place for holding meetings was provided. For a time a small congregation was secured by Mr. Raymond, and a Sabbath-school organized. But such was the vigilance and influence of the Catholic priests that they drew off all his congregation but a few French Protestants, who, becoming discouraged, returned to the Protestant churches in the city. So that he has now no public services. Mr. Raymond reports in regard to his labors, "I have visited in Burlington 250 families, with many of whom I have read the Bible and prayed. A few young men, who, before I came here, frequented the Catholic churches, now attend our Protestant meetings, preferring to assemble with them than to have a separate organization.

Mr. Raymond has also visited and labored in Hinesburgh, Brandon, Vergennes, Milton, St. Albans, Rouse's Point, Swanton, Highgate and several other towns. While our hopes have not been realized, in the prosecution of this work at Burlington, it must be acknowledged that formidable obstacles had to be encountered in the influence of the priests, who denounced Mr. Raymond from their pulpits, forbid their people to have any thing to do with him, and visited weekly all families who were suspected of Protestant tendencies. It is only by slow degrees and much patient, self-denying labor, that any progress can be hoped for in this direction. Great effort should be made by the churches, in whose vicinity these French people live, to bring them into the light and liberty of the gospel. If they would enter upon this work earnestly, it is believed there would be little need of any special agency, such as we have employed, which almost inevitably excites the prejudice of those it is designed to reach, and arouses in them a spirit of antagonism.

THE TREASURY

contained at the close of last year $3,089.17. There have been received from all sources since, $11,079.96—making the total resources of the year $14,169.13. Of this sum $1,906.00 was given expressly for the itinerant work.

According to the plan proposed last year, that, as a society auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, we should endeavor to supply not only our own destitutions, but contribute something each year to evangelize the West and South, the Treasurer was directed to forward $1500.00 to the Parent Society, which he did in July last. Besides that sum, $3164.49 has been sent them without passing through our treasury, making the total amount available for Home Missionary purposes $17,333.62. This is the largest sum ever reported for home missions from the State in a single year.

OUR MISSIONARY WORK IN VERMONT,

in some aspects, seems discouraging. There is very little increase in our population. Indeed, in our agricultural towns, where for the most part our missionary churches are, there is an actual loss. In several counties the inhabitants are fewer than they were twenty years ago. They are drained of young persons. The parishes themselves furnish very little of that stimulus to exertion which is felt at the West, and, of itself, powerfully attracts the earnest laborer. It is not so inspiriting to work in these quiet, rural neighborhoods, where there is little expectation of growth, as in the new States, where the population is rapidly increasing, and the church, which is organized to-day of a little handful of disciples, confidently looks forward to speedy increase from immigration, and expects, in a few years, to become a self-sustaining band. Our effort is not so much to plant new, as to keep the breath of life in existing churches,—to strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die.

We do not expect for the most part, to build up large, or even self-sustaining churches, in many of our missionary districts, or to reap, in our own enlargement, the fruit of our toils. We sow and plant, expecting that other States and other churches will reap the harvest we have made ready to their hands. Our loss cannot, however, be reckoned so much in the actual taking away of members from our churches, as in the removal from them, in youth and early manhood, of the rising generation, thus depriving them of young blood, and of the natural increase they would receive in membership from those trained under their care.

Our great work is to keep in vigorous operation the institutions of the gospel, in all our towns, so that the children, born and nurtured here, may

be imbued with the truths of God's word, and thus be prepared to serve their generation, according to the will of God, wherever the tide of emigration may bear them.

Though it is a trial of faith, and seems not a little discouraging, to toil in vineyards where the fruit you have watched with care and labored to perfect, is nearly all plucked and borne away before it is ripe, yet we by no means repine at our lot. God has appointed it, and it has its redeeming features. Though largely a work of faith, it promises a rich fruitage, in that harvest day when the reapers shall gather in, from the broad continent, and from the world, the seed which has been sown, in weakness and in tears, in these humble fields.

Who can say that the servant who has toiled, faithfully and patiently, in these unattractive missionary districts, may not receive as joyful a welcome, and as rich a crown from his Lord, yea, and behold as precious and abundant results of his labors, as though he had been the more widely known and popular pastor of a city church? The judgment of God is not after the outward appearance but according to truth. The standard of excellence with Him is not earthly position, but fidelity in the place where He assigns us our work.

We accept, then, with gratitude and exceeding joy, the honorable position assigned us by the Master, to sit at the head-waters of these streams of emigration, which are ever flowing from our green hills, commissioned to cast into them the salt of his grace, so that healing and fertilizing virtues may attend them, through all their course, and make them as the river of God to enrich the earth. We are glad to prepare, in our mountain quarries, living stones, for the Master's use, even though when hewn and polished, we are not permitted to build them into our own temples.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WORK,

of keeping alive a church of Christ in any community, can be hardly over estimated. No other enterprise promises such blessed results, or so materially affects the best interests of any people. Nothing else can take the place of the church, in any community, and accomplish a tithe of the good that it does. It is God's own appointed institution for blessing the world. Man cannot devise a better. He cannot dispense with what God has ordained, without fatal loss.

Could you open in any town exhaustless quarries, or valuable mines of precious metals, turn its rocks into a fountain of oil, supply it with rail-road facilities, erect in it extensive industrial establishments, or endow it with schools of art, you would not thereby do so much for the highest interests of its inhabitants, as to sustain in it a church of the living God, which is the

pillar and ground of the truth, thus ensuring the gracious presence of the Saviour there, and those sanctifying influences which come from heaven, and tend to lead the recipients of them to heaven. Whatever else a community may have, if there is no church of Christ among them, they are poor and to be pitied. Whatever else they want, if they have a living church, they are rich and full of blessing. They live hard by the gate of heaven. God dwells in their midst and the shadow of his presence falls upon them.

Since these things are so, shall we be weary of sustaining a church of Christ, though it be a little flock, in every town? Shall we not rather address ourselves with renewed energy and determination to keep the standard of the Cross erected, in every town, as a rallying point for the followers of Christ, as the symbol of God's mercy to a dying world, and a refuge for the weary and heavy burdened?

In behalf of the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary*

RECEIPTS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 18, 1866.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRIDPORT—Sept. 9, Mrs. Chloe Rockwood, $1,00; Dec. 5, church and society, $40.35	$41 35		
BRISTOL—Church and society, Nov. 29, to constitute J. Dike a life-member	25 00		
CORNWALL—Church and society, June 6, to constitute E. R. Robbins, C. D. Lane, and Dea. D. Warner, life-members	62 15		
FERRISBURGH—Ch. and so., Nov. 28, to constitute J. Bard a life-member	25 00		
MIDDLEBURY—Ch. and society, Sept. 5, $50; Sept. 12, $50; Sept. 19, $48.38; Sept. 9, Rev. H. F. Leavitt, $20	168 38		
NEW HAVEN—Church and society, June 22	70 00		
RIPTON—Church and society, Sept. 11	30 00		
SHOREHAM—Church and society, Feb. 8	54 50		
VERGENNES—Church and society, April 10, $50; Oct. 18, B. F. G. $20 to constitute Rev. H. A. P. Torrey a life-member	70 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST—Church and society, Dec. 13	25 00		
DORSET—Church and society, Dec. 14	43 00		
BENNINGTON CENTRE—Church and society, Nov.	26 00		
BENNINGTON 2d—Church and society, Ladies' Cent Society	25 26		
MANCHESTER—Church and Society, June 15	35 00		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET—Church and society, Aug. 7	3 45		
BURKE—Church and society, June 11	12 00		
DANVILLE—Church and society, May 20, $10; Rev. J. Eastman, $10	20 00		
HARDWICK—Church and society, May 7	36 68		
LYNDON—Church and society, May 12	25 80		
PEACHAM—Ch. and so., Oct. 12, $33; May 29, $50.03; April 29, A Friend, $20	103 03		
ST. JOHNSBURY CENTRE—Church and society, June 8	12 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church and society, June 11	11 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Ch. and society, Sept. 20, $47.05; March 12, $71.70	118 75		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and society, July 12, $30.69; Jan. 10, $125; March 7, $18.81; April 4, $24.65	199 15		
ST. JOHNSBURY—Nov. 10, E. & T. Fairbanks & Co.	250 00		
Jan. 29, Mr. Horace Fairbanks, $250; June 12, Mr. T. Fairbanks $500		750 00	
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON 1st—Church and society, June 20, 1865, $9.10; Sept. 14, Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Catlin, $20	29 10		
Jan. 20, Mrs. E. W. Francis, $100; May 8, J. W. Hickok, Esq., 100		200 00	
COLCHESTER—Church and society, June 9	25 20		
HINESBURGH—Church and society, June 9	15 00		
JERICHO CENTRE—Church and society, Feb. 23, $40; May 18, $1.60; Ladies' Cent Society, $6	47 60		
RICHMOND—Church and Society, Aug. 10, $40; Oct. 10, $56			96 00
UNDERHILL—Church and society, June 15	16 00		
WILLISTON—Church and society, June 15	16 33		
WINOOSKI—Church and society, June 11	17 40		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
ISLAND POND—Church and society, Feb. 1, $16; May 7, $10	26 00		
LUNENBURGH—Church and society, Jan. 2	8 11		
GUILDHALL—Church and society, May 7	5 00		
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
BAKERSFIELD—Church and society, Feb. 25. $14.50; Reid Paige, $14.50	29 00		
BERKSHIRE EAST—Church and society, May 1	21 00		
ENOSBURGH—Church and society, May 31	37 15		
FAIRFAX—Mary L. Southard	50		
FAIRFIELD—Church and society, May 3	12 50		
GEORGIA—Church and society, Jan. 11, $8.50; Jan. 9, A Lady, $5	13 50		
ST. ALBANS 1st—Church and society, to constitute Dea. J. H. Brainerd, Dea. C. Wyman, Dea. H. M. Stevens, Hon. W. C. Smith, L. Brainerd, Jr., Mrs. S. W. Hopkins, and Miss Mary C. Whitney life-members	200 00		
March 20, G. Merrill, Esq., to constitute Moses P. Merrill and James C. Merrill life-members		50 00	
June 8, Mr. John Whittemore		50 00	
SHELDON—Church and society, May 3	53 00		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
NORTH HERO—Church and society, Nov. 22	$29 00	$	$
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
EDEN—Church and society, Aug. 23	.....	.....	35 60
HYDEPARK—Church and society, June 2, to constitute Dea. G. W. Sherwin, life-member	20 00		
HYDEPARK NORTH—Church and society, June 2, $12.25; A Friend, $5	17 25		
JOHNSON—Church and society, Nov. 23	52 45		
MORRISVILLE—Church and society, March 5, $25.50; Rev. L. Bartlett, $15	40 50		
STOWE—Church and society, March 21	32 38		
WATERVILLE—Church and society, Aug. 23, $35.15; Feb. 25, A Friend, $10	.....	10 00	35 15
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD—Church and society, Sept. 18	52 00		
BRAINTREE—Church and society, June 2	22 50		
CHELSEA—Church and society, Nov. 17	28 35		
FAIRLEE—A Friend	1 00		
NEWBURY—Church and society, July 31, $105; Aug. 1, $10	105 00	10 00	
Dea. F. Keyes, June 12	.....	100 00	
STRAFFORD—Church and society, Aug. 18, $15; Aug. 30, $13.40	28 40		
THETFORD—Church and society, Oct. 4, $60; Jan. 23, $8.55	68 55		
TUNBRIDGE—Church and society, Sept. 22, to constitute Mrs. Ann Fuller a life-member	22 00		
WELLS RIVER—Church and society, Aug. 16, to constitute John Bigelow a life-member of A. H. M. S	30 00		
WILLIAMSTOWN—Church and society, June 15	16 33		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
BROWNINGTON—Church and society, June 20, 1865	19 96		
CHARLESTON WEST—Ch. and so., June 6, $47; Ladies' Cent Society, $13	60 00		
COVENTRY—Church and society, June 21, 1865, $23; Dec. 18, $7.13; June 1, $30.94; Dec. 18, Ladies' Cent Society, $7.13; to constitute Mrs. Mary L. Frost, Dan Guild, and Mrs. Lucetta Guild life-members	67 94		
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, May 7	8 00		
GLOVER—Church and society, June 4	20 00		
GREENSBORO—Ch. and society, May 18, $21.16; Ladies' Cent Society, $8.84	30 00		
HOLLAND—Church and society, June 16	6 09		
IRASBURGH—Church and society, June 20	17 75		
LOWELL—Church and society, Aug. 22	15 00		
NEWPORT—Church and society, May 25	65 00		
MORGAN—Church and society, June 7	3 30		
TROY—Church and society, Aug. 22	.....	.....	60 (a)
TROY NORTH—Church and society, June 2	9 06		
WESTFIELD—Church and society, Aug. 22		.....	36 00
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
BENSON—Church and society, Aug. 29	20 00		
BRANDON—Church and society, Dec. 28	70 00		
CASTLETON—Church and society, Dec. 2, $102; May 3, Mrs. Mary S. Northrop to constitute herself a life-member of A. H. M. S., $30	132 00		
CHITTENDEN—Church and society, Aug. 16	.....	.....	50 00
CLARENDON—Church and society, Nov., to constitute Rev. W. F. Herrick and Mrs. L. C. Herrick life-members, $48.05; Dea. F. Button to constitute Fred B. Stewart and Frank H. Button life-members $40	88 05		
FAIR HAVEN—Church and society, Oct. 5	20 00		
HUBBARDTON—Church and society, Dec. 13, to constitute Dea. Henry G. Barber a life-member	20 00		
PAWLET—Church and society, Nov. 15	43 00		
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, March 21	20 00		
PITTSFORD—Church and society, Nov. 15	86 85		
POULTNEY—Church and society, May 23	10 35		
RUTLAND—Church and society, Nov. 21, $157.15; of which $40 from J. B. P., to constitute Rev. N. Seaver and Hon. J. B. Page life-members	157 15		
RUTLAND WEST—Church and society, Feb., 1865, $105; Nov. 3, $75	180 00		
SUDBURY—Church and society, March 5, $40; June 9, $10; Ladies' Cent Society, $25—to constitute Rev. Henry F. Rustedt and Mrs. Mary A. Rustedt life-members	75 00		
WALLINGFORD—Church and society, Nov. 15, $20 of which from Rev. A. Walker to constitute Mrs. Matilda E. Hill a life-member	82 27		
WEST HAVEN—Church and society, Sept. 11, $40; April 19, J. Francisco, $5; K. Hitchcock, $5		10 00	40 (a)
EAST WHITEHALL—Church and society, Aug. 16, $68; May 7, $42	.....	.....	110 (a)
WASHINGTON CO.			
BARRE—Church and society, April 3	40 75		
BERLIN—Church and society, Aug. 31, $3.35; Jan. 9, $7.50	10 75		
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, Feb. 28, $18.50; June 24, Rev. J. F. Stone and family, $12.50	31 00		
CABOT—Church and society, Oct. 26	36 00		
CALAIS—May 7	.....	.....	10 38
DUXBURY—Church and society, May 7	.....	.....	17 65
MONTPELIER—Church and society, June 18	128 46	20 00	

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, Sept. 20, $12.55; Feb. 20, $18	30 55		
PLAINFIELD—Church and society, Aug. 8, $21.15; Dec. 2, $4	25 15		
ROXBURY—Church and society, Jan. 30	27 47		
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, May 6, to constitute Rev. A. B. Dascomb a life-member of A. H. M. S	30 02		
WARREN—Church and Society, May 1	.....	.....	1 00
WATERBURY—Church and society, April 10, $40.50; A Friend, $1; J. G. Stimson, $100	91 50	50 00	
WOODBURY—May 7	.....	.....	10 68
WORCESTER—Ch. and society, to constitute Rev. D. Perry a life-member	20 00		
WINDHAM CO.			
ANDOVER—Aug. 2	.....	.....	9 40
BELLOWS FALLS—Church and society, May 22	8 25		
BRATTLEBORO EAST—Church and society, June 24, $195.65; Jan. 10, Sabbath School, $10	205 65		
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Sept. 9	62 80		
DUMMERSTON—Church and society, Sept. 9	8 62		
FAYETTEVILLE—Church and society, Sept. 9	5 00		
GRAFTON—Church and society, June 21	17 00		
STRATTON—Church and society, Aug. 18, $20; May 4, $8.70	.....	.....	28 70
TOWNSHEND EAST—Ch. and so., June 24, $16; Dec. 28, $18	34 00		
TOWNSHEND WEST—Church and society, June 20	6 00		
WARDSBORO—Church and society, Sept. 5	5 00		
WINDHAM—Ch. and so., June 24, to constitute Rev. S. Harris a life-member	22 00		
WESTMINISTER WEST—Ch. and so., June 24, $22.26; Ladies' Cent So., $9.68	31 94		
WINDSOR CO.			
BETHEL—Sabbath school, April 25, $20, Rev. T. H. Johnson $10 to constitute Mr. F. W. Anderson a life-member of A. H. M. S	30 00		
BRIDGEWATER—Church and society, May 7	.....	.....	19 00
GAYSVILLE—Church and society, Feb. 23	17 50		
HARTFORD—Church and society, Nov. 20	40 00		
HARTFORD WEST—Church and society, Oct. 16	26 00		
HARTLAND—Church and society, July 14	8 00		
NORWICH—Church and society, June 21, 1865, $23.62; June 14, $50	73 62		
PLYMOUTH—Church and society, May 7	.....	.....	2 50
ROCHESTER—Church and society, Jan. 30	26 25		
ROYALTON—Church and society, Jan. 3	33 90		
SHARON—Church and society, July 7	12 45		
SPRINGFIELD—Church and society, June 24, $138.66; Aug. 7 balance, $18.10; April 2, A. Woolson	156 76	100 00	
WEATHERSFIELD—Mrs. A. B. Haskell, to constitute herself a life-member	20 00		
WINDSOR—Dec., Gentlemen, $51.50; Ladies, $48.75	100 25		
WOODSTOCK—Mr. Mason Ladd March 4, $25; Feb. 1, Ladies Cent Society, $15.25	40 25		
OTHER RECEIPTS,			
Collection at Annual Meeting at Burlington	90 85		
June 24, W. Brattleboro, estate of S. Dunklee	35 00		
July 4, Interest on T. Phelps's Note	44 50		
July 14, On Troy and Boston R. R Bond	1000 00		
July 14, Interest on the same less revenue tax	235 55		
July 4, R. R. Coupons and State Bond less revenue tax	130 00		
Sept. 12, Randolph, Estate of J. Smith	527 41		
Sept. 19, Pittsfield, Estate of J. C. Tottingham by Mrs. C. H. Hitchcock, Ex	50 00		
Sept. 4, Colchester, Estate of H. B. Fisher	314 20		
Sept. 25, Killingly, Conn., D. W. Richardson	.....	16 00	
July 25, W. of Massachusetts	.....	50 00	
Dec. 22, Interest on J. Bowdish's Note	9 00		
Dec. 29, Interest on G. W. Adams's Note	367 46		
Jan. 10, Interest on T. Phelps's Note	200 00		
Jan. 10, Interest on E. Davis's Note	60 00		
Jan. 18, Interest on Bonds	103 40		
Jan. 29, Estate of late Hon. Erastus Fairbanks	.....	500 00	
Feb. 27, Interest on M. Olvord's Note	50 25		
May 1, C. J. Alger, part payment for lot of land in Burlington	75 00		
April 10, Interest on R. R. Bonds	42 60		
May 11, J. G. Stimson balance on Store	21 04		

☞ The collections paid to the Secretary of the Annual Meeting at Newbury came too late to be embraced in the above Report, which was closed and audited on the 15th inst. They will appear in the next Annual Report.

Two barrels of clothing have been received from Ladies in Brattleboro; also a package from Coventry.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. STORRS, TREASURER,

In account with Vermont Domestic Missionary Society,

DR.

To Balance in Treasury, as by last Annual Report	$3,089 17	
To received from collections in Churches	7,401 05	
To received from Demands	2,156 26	
To received from sale of real estate	96 04	
To received from Legacies	1,426 61	
		$14,169 13

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By paid Orders of Secretary and incidentals	$6,141 19	
By paid American Home Missionary Society	1,500 00	
By paid for Government securities	1,190 22	
By paid for Adams's Note	468 03	
By paid Salary of Secretary	1,000 00	
By paid Stationery, Postage, Expressage for Secretary	42 34	
By paid Stationery, Postage and Revenue stamps expended by Treasurer for three years past	40 00	
Balance in Treasury	3,787 35	
		$14,169 13

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

Montpelier, June 18, 1866.

MONTPELIER, June 18, 1866.

I certify that I have examined the foregoing account of C. W. Storrs, Treasurer, from June 20, 1865, and find him charged with the balance then on hand of.....$3,089 17

I find him charged with receipts since that date of.....11,079 96

Making a total of.....$14,169 13

I find his disbursements have amounted to.....$10,381 78

Leaving a balance in his hands to be accounted for of.....$3,787 35

I have examined the vouchers and find the accounts correctly kept.

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

The Treasurer has also on hand Demands, Stocks and Bonds belonging to the Society, amounting in all to.....$9,982 96

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE HOME MISSIONARY,

As received by the American Home Missionary Society during the year ending June 1, 1866, without passing through our Treasury.

June.	PEACHAM—Legacy of Mrs. Lydia C. Shedd	$380 00
"	MIDDLEBURY—A Friend	5 00
July.	CHESTER—Mrs. Abigail Onion	1 00
"	ENOSBURGH—Mrs. R. S. Nichols	30 00
"	HARDWICK—Legacy of Dea. Daniel French	390 06
"	MIDDLEBURY—Mrs. B. Parmelee	3 00
"	CRAFTSBURY—Ladies	2 00
Aug.	SPRINGFIELD—A Friend	10 00
Sept.	LANDGROVE—T. P. Goddard	5 00
"	PEACHAM—Legacy of Mrs. Lydia C. Shedd	657 68
"	SPRINGFIELD—A. Woolson	150 00
Oct.	WELLS RIVER	35 00
"	WEST RUTLAND—Sabbath School	90 00
Nov.	GEORGIA—Ladies' Sewing Society	10 00
"	MONTGOMERY—Rev. S. Paine	2 50
"	NORTH CRAFTSBURY—Rev. L. I. Hoadley	2 00
"	SWANTON—Congregational church	1 00
Dec.	ST. JOHNSBURY—Mrs. C. Stone	50 00
"	SWANTON—Church and society	8 25
"	THETFORD—Ladies Benevolent Society	4 00
Jan.	GEORGIA—Ladies	6 00
"	ORWELL—Church and society	186 50
"	TINMOUTH—Church and society	10 00
Feb.	BURLINGTON—Luther Clark	10 00
"	PEACHAM—Legacy of Mrs. L. C. Shedd	70 96
"	SPRINGFIELD—Ladies' Benevolent Society	3 00
"	WEYBRIDGE—Church and society	38 06
"	WINDSOR—Legacy of Miss Hannah Hawley	185 58
"	WOODSTOCK—Legacy of Miss Hannah Sampson	370 00
March.	BURLINGTON—Third Congregational church and society	88 92
"	WEST RUTLAND—Sabbath School	157 00
April.	HIGHGATE	19 00
"	JERICHO CENTRE—A Friend	1 00
"	TINMOUTH	1 00
"	VERGENNES	20 00
May.	STOWE—Dea. R. A. Savage	15 00
"	WATERBURY—Leander Hutchins	200 00
	Total	$3,164 51

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Reuben Farnsworth, *Illinois.*
George H Fish, } *Saratoga, N. Y.*
Mrs C W Fish, }
Rev A B Foster, *Bernardston, Mass.*
Rev William C Fowler, *Durham, Conn.*
Rev E W Goodman, } *Caldwell, N. Y.*
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Henry B Goodrich
Rev John Griswold
Rev R C Hand, } *Brooklyn, N. Y.*
Mrs R C Hand, }
Dea Horace Hatch, *Tarrytown, N. Y.*
Rev Henry A Hazen, } *Plymouth, N. H.*
Mrs E C Hazen, }
Rev S L Herrick, *Grinnell, Iowa.*
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Rev Milo J Hickok, *Scranton, Pa.*
Rev E W Hooker, D D, *Newburyport, Mass.*
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Mrs Sarah H Hough }
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Rev John Tompson
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Mrs M S Worcester, }
Enoch Ward, } *Plymouth, N. H.*
Mrs Harriet S Ward, }

†Life-Members of the American Home Missionary Society.

The names of all Life-Members who are known to have died have been omitted.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be known by the name of the *Vermont Domestic Missionary Society*.

ART. II.—This Society shall consist of Life-Members who have paid twenty dollars at one time, of Delegates from Auxiliary Societies, and of members of the General Convention; and all persons who have contributed to the funds of the Society within a year may be received as members by vote or general acquiescence.

ART. III.—The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns of this State with a preached Gospel by the labors of Missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

ART. IV.—The officers of this Society shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents, twelve Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. In addition to the twelve Directors, the President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Board *ex officio*.

ART. V.—The President, and in case of his absence, the Senior Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. The Directors shall appoint and direct Missionaries, shall have the control of the funds to promote the objects of the Society, and shall make a Report at each annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall superintend the correspondence of the Society, and record the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society. The Treasurer shall keep the moneys of the Society, give bonds for the faithful execution of the duties of his office, and make a Report at each annual meeting. The Directors may appoint Missionaries, and transact any other necessary business, by a select committee chosen from their own members. No person shall be employed as a Missionary who is not furnished with satisfactory testimonials of good Christian character and theological attainments.

ART. VI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, and addresses delivered, at such time and place as the Society, by their regulations, shall establish.

ART. VII.—The object of this Society cannot be changed, but this Constitution may be amended (on a proposal of the Directors) at any annual meeting, by two-thirds of the members present.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Vermont Education Society held its Forty-fifth Annual Meeting at Newbury, June 20, 1866.

In the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, Rev. A. STEVENS, one of the Directors, presided.

Prayer, by Rev. P. H. WHITE.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. C. C. TORREY was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

Rev. J. TORREY, Rev. P. H. WHITE, Rev. C. S. SMITH were appointed a Committee of Nomination.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read by the Secretary *pro tempore*, and both were accepted.

The summary of the Treasurer's report is as follows:

Funds received and disbursed by the late Treasurer, Jos. WARNER, Esq.,		
Receipts from June 17th to Dec. 29, 1865,		$852.95
Disbursements from July 17, 1865, to April 17, 1866,		625.75
Balance,		$227.20
Receipts and disbursements by Rev. E. MIX, acting Treasurer:		
Receipts from Dec. 2, 1865, to June 20, 1866,	$98.25	
Disbursements May 1, 1866,	35.00	
Balance on hand June 20, 1866,		63.25
Balance on hand, Mr. Warner's rep.,		227.20
Total Balance June 20,		$290,45

The Society was addressed by Rev. Messrs. CLAPP, BRASTOW, and BYINGTON.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Society urges upon the ministers and members of our churches the importance of seeking out young men who are likely to become suitable candidates for the ministry, and encourage them to prepare for the work of the ministry.

The Committee reported the following nominations, and the gentlemen mentioned were elected, after which the Society adjourned, to meet according to such notice as should be given by the Secretary.

The officers for the year ensuing are as follows:

President—Hon. WORTHINGTON C. SMITH.

First Vice President—Rev. H. D. Ketchell.

Second Vice-President—Jos. Torrey, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. E. Mix.

Treasurer—J. T. Thurston, Esq.

Auditor—Hon. J. A. Page.

Directors—Windham Association, Rev. A. Stevens; Lamoille Association, Rev. L. Bartlett; North-Western Association, Rev. G. B. Tolman; Addison Association, Rev. J. T. Hyde; White River Association, Rev. Wm. Sewall; Orleans Association, Rev. P. H. White; Rutland Association, Rev. H. M. Grout; Windsor Association, Rev. M. Kimball; Royalton Association, Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D.; Orange Association, Rev. S. McKeen, D. D.; Caledonia Association, Rev. J. Torrey, Jr.; Winooski Association, Rev. G. B. Safford; Bennington Association, Rev. R. S. Cushman.

Attest, C. C. TORREY, *Rec. Sec. pro tempore.*

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Vermont Education Society, in behalf of the Board of Directors, submits the following Report:

We have first to recall, with sadness, the loss which the Society has sustained, in the death of JOSEPH WARNER, Esq., for many years its Treasurer. The records show that he was chosen to this office in 1840, and has served the Society in this capacity without interruption until the present year. He was faithful to the trust reposed in him, and though not always present at the anniversary meetings of the Society, has ever manifested a warm interest in all its operations. In his departure, we lose a valued friend, and fellow-helper in the cause of educating pious young men for the ministry. It will be seen from the Report of the Treasurer, that $267.20 remain in the Treasury, after the expenditure of $660.75. The greater part of this sum has been used in the support of students at Middlebury College. Only $60.25 appear to have been appropriated to the University. Fifteen churches, out of one hundred and ninety-three, have taken up a collection for the cause which this Society represents. Three persons have made private contributions of small sums; $251,75 have been received as a part of a legacy. Deducting this legacy and the sum contributed by private persons, we have the sum of $280.60, or $1.44 for each one of our Congregational churches, as an expression of the interest they feel in the work of aiding young men to prepare themselves for preaching the gospel of our Lord.

Consider that this is the fact, when the demand for ministers was never so great, and is constantly increasing, and also when the cost of obtaining an education is nearly or quite doubled, so as to render it more difficult than ever for worthy pious young men who are poor, but would gladly devote themselves to the sacred calling, to fit themselves for it. It will be very apparent to any one who will examine into the matter, that it is not the sons of the rich, but of the poor who are called of God to enter the ministry. They are of a class who need the fostering care and aid which this Society is designed to furnish.

These are usually better adapted, by their early training and discipline, to a work requiring so much of toil and self-denial. But these cannot be sought out and brought forward into the ministry, unless the churches are willing to take them by the hand, and say to them, "go forward, and we will see that your necessities are supplied, so far as may be needful, while you prepare yourselves in the best manner possible to serve Christ and his church in preaching the gospel." Is sufficient encouragement afforded by the churches of Vermont, when they are willing to give no more than an average of $1.50 per annum for this object? Does it indicate a suitable interest in the work of supplying ministers for our own destitute churches, and for foreign missionary fields, when only fifteen out of one hundred and ninety-three churches are found giving anything at all for this object?

It may seem to some from the Treasurer's Report, that all is given which is demanded. But if I mistake not, enough is not contributed to make out the appropriations which are required in Middlebury College and in the University. In 1853 I had occasion to examine the matter, and found that only one-ninth part of what was necessary to supply the students who were then beneficiaries in these two Colleges, with $80 per annum, were given by our Vermont churches. How it is now, I have not the means at hand for ascertaining, but have no reason to suppose it is very different from this. It must be remembered, in addition, that there are students from this State in other Colleges besides those which I have named, for whom funds must be drawn from the parent society. You must add, also, some who are in our Theological Seminaries, for whose aid our churches have contributed nothing. Thus it is manifest that we are allowing the churches of other States to do our work for us. Brethren of the churches here assembled, are we doing our duty in this matter? Is it right that we should fail to care for our own sons who have been called of the Lord to become his ministering servants? We certainly are able to give more than an average of $1 50 to this object. We are able, are we not, to afford all the aid which those need who go out from us to seek an education for this holy office that they may preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Is it not our duty to do *this much* for those who give up all hope of worldly gain, and devote themselves to a life of service for the Church? If we do not show as much interest as this in the ministerial office which Christ has instituted for his Church, is it strange that that office is not supplied with greater numbers, and with better men than now occupy it. This neglect, and other forms of neglect which are seen to accompany it, such as the failure to look out suitable young men in the midst of the churches who shall be encouraged to prepare for the ministry, and the failure on the part of Christian parents to dedicate their children to the work of preaching the gospel, if it shall please God to honor them with a call to so high and holy an office in his Church, and the failure of Christians generally rightly to support, co-operate with, and encourage, the ministers, who are, in the providence of God, placed over them, are working a most serious injury to the churches of Vermont. They are operating to depreciate the ministry. It is high time for a change in this matter. We must all come up to that measure of liberality in our treatment of candidates for this sacred office, and of those who are already in it, so that we can offer in faith the prayer which our Lord has taught us when he said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into his harvest." Surely we cannot obey this divine command and offer such a prayer in faith, when we as churches, are doing so little in the way of aiding young men to enter the ministry. Brethren, let me ask you to consider this matter and go home to your respective churches prepared to labor for a change in their attitude toward this their own instrument, the Vermont Education Society, which they have originated for the purpose of aiding pious young men belonging to this State.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Directors.

ELDRIDGE MIX, *Secretary.*

SCHEDULE

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES, FOR FIVE YEARS.

ASSOCIATION.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.
ADDISON.....	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.	Ind. and Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.
BENNINGTON.....	Ohio.	New Hampshire.	Ind. and Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.
CALEDONIA.....	New Hampshire.	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachus'ts
LAMOILLE	Indiana and Illinois.	Vt. Meth. E. Conference.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.
LANCASTER.....	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.
MONTPELIER.....	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.
NORTH WESTERN..	Massachus'ts	Iowa. Kansas,	Connecticut.	Oregon. Wisconsin.	Rhode Island.
ORANGE	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island	Gen. Assem.
ORLEANS.....	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island	Gen. Assem.	New York.
ROYALTON	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island	Gen. Assem.	New York.	Canada.
RUTLAND	Rhode Island	Gen. Assem.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.
WHITE RIVER.....	Gen. Assem.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.
WINDHAM	New York.	Canada,	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.
WINDSOR.....	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.
WINOOSKI.....	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.	Ind. and Ill.

NOTES.—1. The figures at the head of the columns indicate the year in which the appointments are to be made.
2. It is expected that Delegates to Bodies whose meetings occur later than July in the year of their appointment, will attend that year; all others, the year following.

SCHEDULE

OF TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	*Jan. & Feb.*	*Mar. & Apr.*	*May & June.*	*July & Aug.*	*Sept. & Oct.*	*Nov. & Dec.*
Windham ...	Bible	For. Miss....	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.
Windsor	Bible	For. Miss....	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.
Orange	S. F. So. etc..	Bible	For. Miss....	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.
Washington.	S. F. So. etc..	Bible	For. Miss....	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.
Bennington .	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc..	Bible	For. Miss....	H. Miss.....	Education.
Rutland.....	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc..	Bible	For. Miss....	H. Miss.....	Education.
Addison	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.	Bible	For. Miss....	H. Miss.
Chittenden ..	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.	Bible	For. Miss....	H. Miss.
Grand Isle ..	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.	Bible	For. Miss.
Franklin	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.	Bible	For. Miss.
Lamoille	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.	Bible	For. Miss.
Orleans.....	For. Miss....	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.	Bible.
Caledonia....	For. Miss....	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.	Bible.
Essex.....	For. Miss....	H. Miss.....	Education...	Tracts.....	S. F. So. etc.	Bible.

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REPORTERS.

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Addison Association—Rev. Harvey F. Leavitt; *Bennington Association*—Rev. James Anderson; *Caledonia Association*—Rev. J. Eastman; *Lamoille Association*—Rev. Horace Herrick; *Lancaster Association*—Rev. Jeremiah Glines; *Montpelier Association*—Rev. Wm. H. Lord; *North-Western Association*—Rev. Alfred B. Swift; *Orange Association*—Rev. Horatio N. Burton;

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RECEIVERS.

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION FOR 1867

Will meet at St. Albans, on the third Tuesday of June.

TIME OF MEETING OF COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Rutland and Bennington—First Tuesday in June, at Dorset.
Addison—
Chittenden—Second Tuesday of June, at South Hero.
**Franklin and Grand Isle*—First Wednesday in June.
**Lamoille*—First Wednesday in June.
**Windham*—First Thursday in September.
Windsor—First Tuesday in June at Windsor, and in Oct. at Weathersfield C.
**Orange*—First Tuesday in June.
**Washington*—Second Tuesday in June.
**Caledonia*—Second Tuesday in June.
**Orleans*—Second Wednesday in June, and first Tuesday in October.
Essex—

* The time here stated is the time at which the last annual meeting was called. No statement of the time of the next meeting has reached the Secretary.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, AND THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN WHICH EACH NAME APPEARS IN THE STATISTICS.

P—*Pastor.* S S—*Stated Supply.* W C—*Without Charge.*

Aiken, Silas, D. D.	W C	Rutland,	11	Clark, A. F.	W C	Brattleboro,	13
Alden, Edwin H.	S S	Tunbridge,	10	Clark, C. W.	S S	Hartland,	12
Allis, O. D.	W C		10	Clark, J. B.	S S	Rupert,	2
Anderson, James,	W C	Manchester,	2	Clark, J. S.	P	Morgan,	9
Arms, S. R.	W C	Springfield,	13	Clark, Philetus	S S	Sharon,	12
Arnold, S. S.	W C	Ascutneyville	13	Clement, J., D. D.	P	Woodstock,	12
Austin, L. A.	P	Orwell,	1	Comings, E. J.	S S	Fairfield,	7
Bacon, W. N.	P	Shoreham,	1	Converse, J. K.	S S	Burlington,	15
Bailey, J. G.	P	Hydepark,	4	Cozzens, S. W, D. D.	S S	Middlebury,	1
Baker, J. W. H.	P	Brighton,	9	Cummings, E. C.	P	St. Johnsbury,	8
Baldwin, Thomas	S S	Plymouth,	14	Cushman, C. L.	P	Townshend E.	13
Baldwin, W. O.	P	St. Johnsbury E.	3	Cushman, R. S.	P	Manchester,	2
Barber, A. D.	W C	Williston,	15	Dascomb, A. B.	S S	Waitsfield,	6
Barbour, N.	S S	West Fairlee,	8	Delano, S.	W C		12
Barnard, P. F.	P	Williamstown,	6	Deming, A. T.	S S	Franklin,	7
Bartlett, L.	P	Morristown,	4	Dougherty, J., D. D.	P	Johnson,	4
Barton, A. S.	S S	Saxton's Riv.	13	Drake, C. B., D. D.	P	Royalton,	10
Bates, S L.	P	Underhill.	15	Drew, S. F.	P	Cabot,	3
Bayne, Thomas	W C	Irasburgh,	9	Duren, Charles	S S	Vershire,	8
Birge, E. C.	W C	Underhill,	15	Eastman, John	P	Danville,	3
Bishop, N.	W C	Windsor,	14	Elliott, L. H.	P	Winooski,	15
Bittinger, J. Q.	P	St. Albans,	7	Emerson, Rufus	S S	Grafton,	13
Bradford, M. B.	S S	McIndoe's falls,	3	Fairbanks, E. T.	S S	Chester,	14
Bradford, D. B.	P	Randolph cent.	10	Fairbanks, F. J.	P	Westminster E.	13
Brastow, L. O.	P	St. Johnsbury,	3	Farrar, J. A.	S S	South Troy,	9
Brigham, L. W.	S S	North Troy,	9	Ferrin, C. E.	P	Hinesburgh,	15
Brown, J. W.	W C	Manchester,	2	Fleming, A.	W C	Burlington,	15
Buckham, James	W C	Burlington,	15	Ford, J. F.	P	Stowe,	4
Buckham, M. H. prof.	S S	Burlington,	15	Foster, A.	S S	Putney,	13
Burton, H. N.	P	Newbury,	10	Foster, B. F.	P	Dummerston,	13
Butler, F.	W C	Windsor,	12	Francis, L.	P	Castleton,	11
Byington, E. H.	P	Windsor,	12	French, L. S.	W C	Franklin,	7
Cady, C. B.	S S	Alburgh,	7	Gates, M. A.	S S	Peru,	13
Carpenter, E. I.	P	Barre,	6	Gleason, Geo. L.	P	Bristol,	1
Chamberlin, E. B.	S S	Westford,	15	Gleed, J.	W C	Waterville,	4
Chandler, Joseph	P	Brattleboro W.	13	Glines, J.	S S	Granby,	5
Chandler, A.	P	Strafford,	8	Giddings, S. P.	W C	Rutland,	14
Child, W., D. D.	W C	N. Haven, Ct.	11	Gilbert, W. H.	W C	Brattleboro,	13

Goodrich, J. E.	w c	Burlington,	15	Maynard, Ulric	w c	Castleton,	11
Granger, Calvin	s s	Hubbardton,	11	Mix, Eldridge	p	Burlington,	15
Grey, A. R.	s s	Coventry,	9	Morgan, Stillman	w c	Bristol,	1
Griswold, J. B.	s s	W Randolph,	10	Munson, M. A.	p	Pittsford,	11
Grout, H. M.	p	W. Rutland,	11	Nichols, Ammi	s s	Braintree,	10
Grout, Lewis	w c	W Brattleboro	13	Ober, Benjamin	s s	Fayetteville,	13
Hale, J. G.	p	E. Poultney,	11	Paine, Sewell	p	Montgomery C	7
Hall, R. V.	s s	Newport,	9	Palmer, W. S.	p	Wells River,	8
Hall, S. R., L.L.D.	p	Brownington,	9	Parker, C. C.	p	Waterbury,	6
Hand, R. C.	w c	Brooklyn N Y	2	Parkinson, Royal	s s	Milton,	15
Hallock, E. J.	w c	St Louis Mo.	11	Parmelee, S., D.D.	s s	Georgia,	7
Hatch, E. W.	s s	Berkshire E.,	7	Pease, A. G.	w c	Waterbury,	12
Hazen, Austin	s s	Jericho Cent.,	15	Perkins, S. K. B.	p	Glover,	9
Hazen, W. S.,	p	Northfield,	6	Perry, David	s s	Worcester,	6
Harris, L.	p	Windham,	13	Perry, J. B.	s s	Wilmington,	13
Halley, E.	s s	Richmond,	15	Piper, C. W.	s s	Townshend W	13
Herbert, R. L.	s s	Fairhaven,	11	Plimpton, S. M.	s s	Chelsea,	10
Herrick, E. E.	s s	Colchester,	15	Pratt, P. S.	p	Dorset,	2
Herrick, Horace	s s	Wolcott,	4	Rawney, T. E.	w c	St Johnsbury	3
Herrick, Wm. T.	p	Clarendon,	11	Ray, B. F.	p	Hartford,	12
Hickok, H. P.	w c	Burlington,	15	Raymond, E. N.	w c	Burlington,	15
Higley, H. O.	w c	Castleton,	11	Redfield, Charles	s s	Arlington,	2
Holliday, H. M.	p	St Johnsbury,	3	Richards, J. De F.	w c	Weathersf'd B	14
Hosford, Isaac	s s	Fairlee,	8	Robinson, Wm. A.	p	Barton,	9
Holmes, Henry M.	s s	Lunenburg,	5	Rood,———	s s	Wardsboro,	13
Houghton, J. C.	w c	Chelsea,	10	Rustedt, H. F.	s s	Sudbury	7
Howard, J. T.	p	Holland,	9	Safford, G. B.	p	Burlington,	15
Hoyt, Otto S.	w c	New Haven,	1	Samson, A. J.	s s	St. Albans,	7
Hubbard, C. H.	s s	Bennington,	2	Saunderson, H H	w c	Charlest'wn N H	14
Hubbard, T. S.	s s	Gaysville,	10	Scott, Charles	s s	Post Mills,	8
Hulbert, C. B.	p	New Haven,	1	Seaton, C. M.	p	Charlotte,	15
Hyde, J. T.	p	Middlebury,	1	Seaver, Norman	p	Rutland,	11
Jennings, Isaac	p	Bennington C,	2	Sewall, Wm.	s s	Norwich,	12
Johnson, T. Henry	s s	Bethel,	10	Smart, W. S.	p	Benson,	11
Joyslin, Wm. R.	s s	Burke,	3	Smith, A. A.	p	Lowell,	9
Kent, Cephas H.	p	Ripton,	1	Smith, B. W.	w c	Burlington,	15
Kimball, M.	s s	Ascutneyville,	14	Smith, C. S.	w c	Montpelier,	6
Kingsbury, J. W.	s s	Queechy,	12	Sparhawk, S.	s s	Pittsfield,	10
Kingsbury, Wm H.	s s	Pomfret,	12	Spaulding, A.	p	Weathersf'ld C	14
Labaree, B., D. D.	w c	Middlebury,	1	Squier, E. H.	w c	Middlebury,	1
Ladd, Alden	p	Roxbury,	6	Steele, Joseph	w c	Middlebury,	1
Laird, James	p	Guildhall,	5	Stevens, Alfred	p	Westmins'r W	13
Leavitt, Harvey F.	s s	Middlebury,	1	Stevens, M. A.	s s	Bellows Falls,	13
Lord, Wm. H.	p	Montpelier,	6	Stone, J. F.	s s	Montpelier,	6
Loring, Levi	p	Charleston W,	9	Stone, J. P.	s s	Derby,	9
Lyon, A. B.	s s	Salisbury,	1	Stone, L. H.	s s	Pawlet,	11
McClerring, D.	s s	Waterford,	3	Swift, Alfred B.	s s	Enosburg,	7
McKeen, S., D. D.	p	Bradford,	8	Swift, A. S.	w c	Pittsfield,	10
Marsh, Samuel	w c	Underhill,	15	Tenney, Leonard	p	Thetford,	8
Maynard, J. L.	p	Williston,	15	Thayer, W. W.	w c	St Johnsbury,	8

Tilden, L. L.	w c	Castleton,	11	Wheelock, Edwin	p	Cambridge,	4
Thyng, J. H.	s s	Londonderry S	13	White, Geo. H.	s s	Weathersf'd B	14
Tolman, G. B.	p	Sheldon,	7	White, P. H.	s s	Coventry,	9
Torrey, C. C.	s s	W. Randolph,	10	Wickham, J.D, DD	w c	Manchester,	2
Torrey, H. A. P.	p	Vergennes,	1	Wild, A. W.	p	Greensboro,	9
Torrey, Jos., D.D.	w c	Burlington,	15	Wild, Daniel	p	Brookfield,	10
Torrey, Jos., Jr.	p	Hardwick,	3	Wild, E. S.	p	Craftsbury,	9
Tracy, C. B.	w c	————,	15	Wilder, J. C.	w c	Charlotte,	15
Tuxbury, F.	p	Brandon,	11	Williams, S. H.	p	North Hero,	7
Tyler, G. P., D. D.	p	Brattleboro,	13	Williams, S. S.	w c	Orwell,	11
Underwood, Jos.	s s	Barnet,	3	Winch, C. M.	s s	Plainfield,	6
Walker, Aldace	s s	Wallingford,	11	Winchester, O.	w c	Middlebury,	1
Walker, C., D. D.	w c	Pittsford,	11	Winchester, W W	w c	Middlebury,	1
Ward, R. S.	s s	Berlin,	6	Woodhull, G. S.	s s	Tinmouth,	11
Wells, M. H.	s s	Lyndon,	3	Woodward, J. H.	p	Irasburgh,	9
Wellington, H.	s s	Hartford, W.,	12	Worcester, J. H.	w c	Burlington,	15
Wheeler, O. G.	p	South Hero,	15	Wright, Geo. F.	p	Bakersfield,	7

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD.

1. *Resolved*, That the standard rate per cent. upon their Grand Lists, which churches shall be required to pay towards supporting their own ministers, in order to be entitled to receive aid from this Society, be one hundred and twenty-five, instead of one hundred per cent. as heretofore; leaving the Executive Committee, however, with discretionary power to vary from this where peculiar circumstances shall seem to them to demand it.

2. In view of the incompetency of the salaries of the ministers of many of the aided churches: *Resolved*, That the Board will co-operate with those aided churches in increasing their minister's salary, who will increase their own subscription for his support to one hundred and fifty per cent.

The Board were led to these Resolutions by such considerations as the following, viz:

1. Owing to the increased price of labor and produce, while the Grand List remains the same, churches can pay 150 per cent. now, more easily than they could 100 per cent. in former years.

2. Many of the churches which are not aided pay as high or higher than the rate named in the above resolutions, for the support of their own ministers; and, in addition to that, contribute to the funds of this Society; and it would seem unreasonable and unjust to take their contributions and appropriate them to aid churches which do not pay as high, or nearly as high, towards supporting the gospel among themselves.

3. It is found that those churches who voluntarily and cheerfully pay the most liberally, according to their means, for the support of the gospel, are the most prosperous, both as respects their spiritual and external affairs. And it is believed that the rate per cent. named in the resolutions, is no higher than Christians ought to tax themselves for the support of religion,—that to do much less would be to withhold more than is meet, which tendeth to both spiritual and temporal poverty.

4. The impossibility of extending operations to the numerous churches and communities which are still destitute, in our State, without greater liberality and self-denial, on the part of both the aided and unaided churches, is another strong reason, and one which, it is believed, will commend itself to every candid mind.

It is hoped that no feeble church will be disheartened in consequence of this action of the Board; but rather that they will be stirred up to greater effort, and after doing the best they can, let their case be known to the Executive Committee.

MONTPELIER, June 23, 1854.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

EVERY application to the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY for aid should be made by a Committee authorized to act in behalf of the Church or Society, or both. The application must contain answers to the following questions:

1. Name of the minister to be employed?
2. Number of members of the church?
3. Amount of the grand list of the church?
4. Amount paid by the church for preaching?
5. Amount paid by those not belonging to the church?
6. Least amount of aid that will suffice from this society?
7. What number usually attend public worship?
8. What proportion of the church take decided ground in favor of the Temperance cause?
9. How long before preaching can be sustained without charitable aid?
10. Is the church or society in debt for past ministerial labors? If so, to what amount, and to whom?
11. From what date is aid asked?
12. Is aid expected from any other source?

All applications for aid should be approved by the Association, within whose bounds they arise, (or by a Committee of such body.) Except in special cases, grants will not go back of the date of the application. It is very desirable that all churches, receiving aid from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, should so arrange their contracts with their minister, that the year may commence on the first of June, so that all applications, for the RENEWAL OF A GRANT, may be made at that time, as the Board can then act upon them at their annual meeting.

Appropriations are made for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of application. If further aid is needed, a new application must be made, containing all of the above mentioned particulars, and be properly endorsed and recommended.

☞It is hoped that every feeble church will preserve a copy of these directions, and invariably comply with them in every application for aid.

Address Rev. C. S. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary,*
Montpelier, Vt.

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention meets on the 3d Tuesday in June, annually. The Assembly's Shorter Catechism is its doctrinal standard. It is constituted as follows:

Each County Conference may send three delegates, one minister and two laymen. Each Association may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every four ordained resident ministers. The permanent officers of Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the parish, delegates to and from foreign bodies, Chairmen of Committees who have to report, the Secretaries of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and Vermont Education Society, Members of Boards appointed by Convention, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and to lead in discussions, are also members *ex officiis*. The officers of the Convention are chosen annually, excepting the Register and Corresponding Secretary. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of the Convention.

Place of next meeting, St. Johnsbury, June 16, 1868.

Preacher, Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Middlebury.

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Orleans Association—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Woodward, A. A. Smith, P. H. White, Wm. A. Robinson, J. A. Farrar.

Lancaster Association,———— ————

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Bro. Charles Lane.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. L. S. Watts, Dea. Thomas L. Hall, Bro. T. C. Goodenough.

Chittenden Conference—Rev. J. L. Maynard, Bro. H. W. Prindle, Bro. Albert Partridge.

Essex and Coos Conference.———— ————

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. E. J. Comings, Dea. Wm. A. Comings, Bro. D. D. Wead.

Lamoille Conference—Rev. Edwin Wheelock, Dea. R. Washburn.

Orange Conference—Rev. J. C. Houghton, Dea. F. Keyes.

Orleans Conference—Rev. E. P. Wild, Dea. J. B. Fasset.

Rutland and Bennington Conference—Rev. L. H. Stone, Dea. C. P. Smith, Dea. W. L. Farnham.

Washington Conference—Rev. David Perry, Bro. John C. Emery, Dr. Matthew McLearn.

Windham Conference—Rev. Lewis Grout, Hon. Ira K. Batchelder.

Windsor Conference—Rev. L. H. Cobb, Dea. Samuel Goddard.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. B. F. Manwell.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. Liba Conant.

General Conference of Rhode Island—Rev. Francis Horton.

Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. A. J. Parker.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.)—Rev. Timothy M. Hopkins.

General Conference of Massachusetts—Rev. Alonzo B. Rich.

General Association of New York—Rev. J. Butler.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. James Tufts.

Vermont Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. H. K. Cobb.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIO.

Register—Rev. ALDACE WALKER.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. E. H. BYINGTON.

Preacher—Rev. E. H. BYINGTON.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. J. Q. BITTENGER.

Leaders in Discussions, and Essayists—Rev. Messrs. JOSEPH CHANDLER, C. C. TORREY, C. E. FERRIN, E. C. CUMMINGS, W. H. LORD.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Secretary of the Vermont Educational Society—Rev. E. MIX.

The Convention was organized by choice of the following officers:

Rev. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D., of Middlebury, *Moderator.*

Rev. F. J. FAIRBANKS, of Westminster, *Scribe.*

Rev. W. A. ROBINSON, of Barton, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Rules of the Convention and the Docket of Business were read by the Register.

Voted, That the hours of meeting be: 8:30 A. M., 2:30 P. M., and 7:30 P. M., and the hours of adjournment, 12 M. and 5:30 P. M.

Convention then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2:30 P. M.

Appointed Dea. Jos. H. BRAINARD, Auditor of the Fairbanks Boards.

Voted, To spend half an hour of each day's session in Devotional Exercises.

Delegates to Foreign Bodies made their report.

Voted, That the Convention of Baptist Churches of Vermont be added to the list of Corresponding Bodies.

Rev. FRANCIS HORTON presented the Christian salutations of the General Conference of Rhode Island.

Rev. TIMOTHY M. HOPKINS presented the salutations of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.)

The following Committees were appointed, viz:

Committee of Overtures—Rev. Messrs. C. B. Hulbert, G. B. Safford, Isaac Jennings, Brs. I. K. Batchelder, John C. Emery.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies—Rev. Messrs. H. N. Burton, F. Tuxbury, Dea. Samuel Goddard.

Committee on Abatements—Rev. Messrs. T. S. Hubbard, Jas. Buckham, Dea. W. L. Farnham.

Committee to make arrangements for the next Convention—Rev. Messrs. P. H. White, E. Mix, J. T. Ford.

Rev. Messrs. E. C. Cummings, J. Chandler and J. G. Hale were appointed a Committee to communicate the salutations of this Body to the International Convention of Young Men's Christian Association at Montreal.

The discussion of the following subject—"The law of Benevolence given in the Levitical code, is binding in its spirit on the Christian Church"—was opened by Rev. C. C. Torrey, and participated in by several members of the Convention.

After singing and prayer, the Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened with singing and prayer.

A discussion of the following subject was introduced by Rev. Messrs. E. C. Cummings, and C. E. Ferrin, and participated in by other members of the Convention, viz:—

"The burden of supporting the gospel at home, and spreading it abroad, should be equalized between the stronger and the weaker churches."

After singing and prayer, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 19.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Clement.

Roll called, Minutes were read and approved.

The Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers made their report, which was accepted.

The Trustees of the Fairbanks Fund for the Relief of Ministers present the following report of the Treasurer, showing the receipts and payments made by our order, and the balance remaining in his hands at date.

Fairbanks Fund in account with J. G. STIMSON, Treasurer:

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June 19, 1866,	By balance in the Treasury, by Auditors' Report,	$405.53
June 27, 1866.	By Interest on S. R. Huse's Note,	120.00
Oct. 13, 1866.	" " " J. B. Parker's Note	27.50
Oct. 27, 1866.	" " " E. W. Case's Note	36.56
Nov. 21, 1866.	" " " S. Ridley's Note	175.73
Jan. 26, 1867.	" " " State Bonds	75.00
April 21, 1867.	" " " R. J. Barber's Note	90.00
June 1, 1867.	" " " State Bonds	50.00
June 1, 1867.	" " extra, over and above six per cent., made in trade	40.00
June 19, 1867.	" " " small sums of money,	25.00
		$1045.32

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Oct. 20, 1866.	To paid appropriation to	Rev. S. Williams,	$150.00
Oct. 20, 1866.	" "	Rev. O. S. Hoyt,	100.00
Oct. 25, 1866.	" "	Rev. C. B. Drake,	100.00
Oct. 29, 1866.	" "	Rev. S. Morgan,	50.00
Nov. 28, 1866.	" "	Rev. S. Marsh,	50.00
Dec. 24, 1866.	" Balance "	Rev. C. B. Drake,	50.00
Feb. 15, 1867.	" " "	Rev. S. Morgan,	50.00
Feb. 23, 1867.	" " "	Rev. S. Marsh,	50.00
Mch. 22, 1867.	" "	Rev. J. Gleed,	50.00
June 19, 1867.	Expenses paid to annual meeting, 25 letters, and 19 revenue stamps,		3.00
			653.00
		Balance in my hands,	$392.32

To the balance there is to be added the interest on the following notes:

S. R. Huse's Note,	$2000.00, from June 26, 1866.
E. W. Case's Note,	600.00, from July 23, 1866.
S. Ridley's Note,	2400.00, from Sept. 23, 1866.
J. B. Parker's Note,	500.00, from Nov. 13, 1866.
I. Somerville's Note,	3000.00, from April 1, 1867.
R. J. Barber's Note,	1500.00, from April 21, 1867.

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

H. F. LEAVITT, *Secretary.*

June 19, 1867.

I have examined the above Report and the vouchers above mentioned, and find the above statement to be correct.

JOSEPH H. BRAINERD,

Auditor appointed by General Convention.

ST. ALBANS, June 18, 1867.

The Fairbanks Education Board reported as follows, viz.:

To the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont:

The Fairbanks Education Board respectfully present their Eleventh Annual Report, for the year ending May 31, 1867:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, as reported last year	$298.00
Interest on Investments	603.90
	$901.90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Beneficiaries, as per annexed Schedule	$840.00
Cash in the Treasury	61.90
	$901.90

ALDACE WALKER, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM W. THAYER, *Treasurer.*

SCHEDULE OF BENEFICIARIES.

NAMES.	PLACE OF STUDY.	AGE.	AM'T REC'D.
EDWARD T. HOOKER	Chicago Theological Seminary	29	$80.00
M. B. PAGE	" " "	25	80.00
A. W. HAZEN	Con. Theological Institute	26	80.00
A. W. CLARK	Union Theological Seminary	25	80.00
S. F. GALE	" " "	24	65.00
W. PATTERSON	Andover Theological Seminary	25	80.00
M. O. HARRINGTON	Amherst College	22	85.00
CHARLES A. WHITE	Munson Ac'y and Wm. College	24	90.00
E. P. BUTLER	Essex Ac'y, University of Vt.	19	80.00
H. W. UTLEY	Burr and Burton Seminary	22	80.00
WILLIAM B. ANDERSON	" " "	22	40.00
			$840.00

The report was accepted and adopted.

The following were appointed a Committee to nominate the Fairbanks Boards: Rev. Messrs. A. Stevens, James Dougherty, D. D., and D. F. Keyes.

The Committee on Church Psalmody presented their report, approving and recommending the "Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book," new edition.

The Committee to present the salutations of the Convention to the International Young Men's Christian Association at Montreal reported as follows, viz:—"We have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one"—which was accepted and ordered to be forwarded.

At 9:30 the Committee took a recess to attend to the Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

The Committee of Overtures presented their report. Adopted.

The Committee to nominate the officers of the Fairbanks Boards made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

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Adjourned.

In the afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D. and Rev. J. Clement, D. D.

The Convention being called to order, an Essay was read by Rev. W. H. Lord, upon "The vital connection between Christian belief and Christian life."

The minority report of Com. on Church Psalmody, recommending the "Book of Worship," was received, and with the majority report was ordered to be laid on the table.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Anniversary of the Vermont Educational Society was attended.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 20.

Convention opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Aiken. The Roll was called. Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies reported as follows, viz:

General Association of New York—Rev. F. Tuxbury, primary; Rev. M. A. Munson, substitute.

General Assembly Presbyterian Church—Rev. C. C. Torrey, primary; Rev. S. Sparhawk, substitute.

General Association of Iowa and of Kansas—Rev. C. M. Winch, primary; Rev. A. Ladd, substitute.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. L. A. Austin, primary; Rev. C. B. Hulbert, substitute.

Vermont Conference Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. E. C. Cummings, primary; Rev. P. B. Fiske, substitute.

General Association of Michigan—Rev. H. Herrick, primary; Rev. E. Wheelock, substitute.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. A. T. Deming, primary; Rev. L. S. French, substitute.

General Associations of Indiana and of Illinois—Rev. Isaac Jennings, primary; Rev. Jas. Anderson, substitute.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. J. R. Bourne, primary; Rev. J. Laird, substitute.

General Association of Rhode Island—Rev. J. A. Farrar, primary; Rev. J. A. Smith, substitute.

General Conference of Baptist Churches of Vermont—Rev. J. T. Hyde, primary; Rev. W. R. Joyslin, substitute.

Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. C. W. Clark, primary; Rev. H. Wellington, substitute.

General Association of California, and Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. J. Chandler, primary; Rev. A. S. Barton, substitute.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. N. Bishop, primary; Rev. Geo. H. White, substitute.

General Conference of Ohio—Rev. E. Mix, primary; Rev. J. B. Perry, substitute.

General Association of Missouri—Rev. L. H. Cobb, primary; Rev. Wm. Sewall, substitute.

Rev. J. G. Hale was appointed Reporter of the Rutland Association in place of Rev. H. M. Grout.

Rev. P. S. Pratt was appointed Receiver of the Rutland and Bennington Conference in place of H. M. Grout.

Rev. A. Spaulding was appointed Reporter of Windsor Association in place of Rev. Moses Kimball.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Voted, A tax of $375, for the printing of the Minutes.

Voted, To appoint a Committee to assess the above tax upon the Conferences, as follows, viz:—Revs. Wm. Sewall, J. F. Stone, Jas. Anderson.

Voted, To appoint a Committee to consider the expediency of revising and correcting the Schedules and Statistical Reports, as follows, viz:—Rev. Joseph Torrey, Jr., J. G. Hale, A. Hazen, E. H. Byington and A. Walker.

Permission was given to those who find it necessary, to leave before the close of the session.

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution:

Whereas, This Convention has been accustomed from an early period to take measures for providing a religious newspaper devoted to the interests of our denomination in this State; and

Whereas, There may be need of some further action at this time:

Therefore, Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to consider the present wants of our churches in respect to a religious paper, and to recommend to the Convention such measures as they may deem expedient.

The resolution was adopted, and the following Committee were appointed, viz.: Rev. Messrs. A. Stevens, T. S. Hubbard, C. E. Ferrin, E. H. Byington, L. O. Brastow.

Committee on Assessments reported as follows, viz:

Addison Conference	$39 20
Caledonia Conference	35 75
Chittenden Conference	29 29
Essex and Coos Conference	3 75
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	23 75
Lamoille	8 98
Orange	37 07
Orleans Conference	20 96
Rutland and Bennington Conference	59 21
Washington Conference	27 47
Windham Conference	41 19
Windsor Conference	48 75
Total	$375 37

Report was adopted.

Voted to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That we record our profound gratitude to God for the signal triumph which has recently been achieved by the friends of Temperance in Massachusetts, and our own unwavering conviction that the present policy of that State and our own in absolutely prohibiting the sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is entitled to the strongest support, both material and moral, of the ministry, the churches and the people.

Voted to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention commend to the churches the *Home for Destitute Children* established in Burlington, as an object worthy of their sympathy, their prayers, and their generous contributions.

Voted to adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Essays appointed to be read before the Convention be restricted in their publication to the time named in the Schedule adopted two years ago, and that after this present year their publication be dispensed with unless ordered by vote of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Constitution be altered by changing the 4th Article so that the last clause shall read: "Secretaries of benevolent societies and members of Boards appointed by the Convention, whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of Convention, shall be members of the Convention."

Voted, That the expenses of the Committee on Church Psalmody be paid by the Convention.

The Convention then received the fraternal salutations of the various Corresponding Bodies.

Rev. B. F. Manwell, from the General Conference of Maine; Rev. James Tufts, General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. A. B. Rich, General Conference of Massachusetts; Rev. J. Butler, General Association of New York; Rev. A. J. Parker, Congregational Union of Canada, and Rev. H. K. Cobb, Vermont Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, presented the salutations of their respective Bodies, and were responded to by the Moderator.

A telegram was read by the Moderator, containing the following salutation from the International Young Men's Christian Association, in session at Montreal: "Finally, brethren, pray for us; that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, as it is with you."

The Corresponding Secretary presented his report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

After singing and prayer, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee to revise the Schedule, &c., reported as follows, viz: "The Committee on amendments to the Schedule of Benevolent Contributions, the Order of Exercises of the Convention, and the Schedule of Reports from the churches, report the following recommendations, viz:

1. That in the Schedule of Benevolent Contributions, the American Missionary Association be substituted in the place of the Seaman's Friend Society, and that the American Congregational Union be put with the Tract Society.

2. That the Order of Exercises of the Convention be so altered that the Exercises of Tuesday afternoon and Thursday forenoon shall change places.

3. That when a new blank for Reports for churches becomes necessary, the Corresponding Secretary may alter it at his discretion."

Report was accepted and adopted.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. E. H. Byington, F. J. Fairbanks, W. A. Robinson and C. S. Smith, constitute a committee to publish the Minutes.

A communication was presented by the Corresponding Secretary from the General Association of Oregon, and of Kansas.

The Committee on a State Religious Paper made their report, which was accepted.

Voted, That the Report of the Committee on a State Religious Paper be indefinitely postponed.

Committee to make arrangements for next Meeting reported as follows. viz:

Place of meeting—St. Johnsbury, North Church. Preacher—Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D. Rev. Eldridge Mix, substitute.

First Essay—The Duty of the Church to its baptized children, Rev. Lewis Grout.

Second Essay—The Rights and Duties of women in the Church, Rev. A. B. Dascomb.

First Discussion—The relation of the Ministry and Churches to the cause of Temperance. Primaries—Rev. Wm. A. Robinson, Rev. Horace Herrick. Substitutes—Rev. John H. Woodard, Rev. Lyman Bartlett.

Second Discussion—What is the Christian rule concerning amusements? Primaries—Rev. H. N. Burton, Bro. E. P. Walton. Substitutes—Rev. Geo. F. Wright, Rev. J. T. Hyde.

The report was adopted.

The Committee of Overtures offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention tenders its hearty thanks to the people of St. Albans for their hospitality in the generous entertainment of its members—and to the choir for their very acceptable services —and also to the Directors of the various Railroad Companies for their liberality in abating the fare of those in attendance upon the Convention.

Adopted.

Rev. P. H. White was appointed Delegate to the Massachusetts General Conference.

The Convention listened to an Essay by Rev. Joseph Chandler, upon the theme, "Every Christian an Evangelist."

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

After singing and prayer, the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, and the Convention adjourned.

H. D. KITCHEL, *Moderator.*

F. J. FAIRBANKS, *Scribe.*

W. A. ROBINSON, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

ALDACE WALKER, TREASURER,

In account with the General Convention:

	Dr.	
On hand, as per last Report,	$204 87	
Received from Addison Conference, assessment,	39 20	
" " Caledonia " "	35 75	
" " Chittenden " "	29 29	
Balance due on previous assessment,	7 26	
Received from Essex and Coos Conference, assessment,	3 75	
Balance due on previous assessment,	3 00	
Received from Lamoille Conference, assessment,	8 98	
" " Franklin and Grand Isle Confer. assessment,	23 75	
" " Orange " "	37 07	
" " Orleans " "	20 96	
" " Rutland and Bennington " "	59 21	
" " Washington " "	27 50	
" " Windham " "	41 19	
" " Windsor " "	48 75	
		$590 53
	Cr.	
Paid Corresponding Secretary, postage,	2 00	
Printing blanks for Corresponding Secretary,	3 75	
Printing Minutes,	352 00	
Putting up Minutes and expressage,	6 32	
Telegram to Young Men's Christ. Association at Montreal,	1 95	
Postage of Register,	87	
Cash on hand,	223 64	
		590 53

June 20, 1867.

I have examined the above account, and the vouchers establishing the same, and find the same to be correct.

T. S. HUBBARD,
Chairman of Committee on Abatements.

REPORT

ON THE

CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

During the year, three of the ministers connected with our Convention have entered into their final rest. Rev. O. D. ALLIS died at Dansville, N. Y., June 25th, 1866, at the age of forty-one years. He was ordained at Randolph, Feb. 2, 1860, and was a useful minister there for about three years, after which he removed to West Randolph and preached at that place until the summer of 1865, at which time he was entirely disabled by a rheumatic affection from which he had long suffered. The last months of his life were spent in the effort to regain his health. Mr. Allis was among the most acceptable of the younger ministers of the State. He was devoted to his work and prosecuted it efficiently, amidst great physical weakness.

Rev. SALEM M. PLIMPTON died at Chelsea, Sept. 14, 1866, in his 47th year. He was graduated at Amherst College, in 1846, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1849,—was installed pastor of the church at Wells River, May 8, 1851—and was dismissed at his own request after a ministry of ten years. He soon received the appointment of chaplain in the 4th Vt. Infantry, in which he served about one year. In the autumn of 1865 he became the acting pastor of the church in Chelsea, where he finished his work. He was present at the meeting of the Convention one year ago, and was chairman of the Committee of Overtures. The Minutes of the Orange Association speak of him as "an able, faithful, and successful preacher and pastor, greatly beloved by his own people and also by the neighboring churches and ministers. He died in the full exercise of his reason, strong in the faith which he had invariably preached, sustained by a good hope, through grace, of a blessed immortality."

Last, but not least, Rev. SELAH R. ARMS died in Windham, Nov. 9, 1866, at the ripe age of 78 years. He was a native of Deerfield, Mass., was graduated at Williams College in 1818, and at Andover Theological Sem-

inary in 1821; was installed pastor of the churches in Grafton and Windham in 1825, and spent more than half of a ministerial life of forty-five years in Windham. He was a well read theologian of the old school. "As a preacher he was not eloquent, but he was earnest and impressive, and always instructive. As a pastor he was kind and faithful." He was an honest man, a lover of good men; one of the last survivors of the generations of ministers to which he belonged.

While we mourn the death of these associates in the ministry, there is much in the reports from the churches which calls us to thankfulness. The year has been one of healthful growth. A large proportion of our fields of labor have been refreshed, and some of them have received abundant showers.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

The number of churches reported is 190—one less than last year. The names of two have been stricken from the list, viz: Fairfax, organized in 1806, and Shelburne, organized March 29, 1851. Neither of these churches has had any organized existence for many years. A new church has been organized at West Newbury, under very hopeful auspices. It has a membership of 27. Its minister is Rev. David Connell.

Of the 190 churches, 82 have pastors, 78 have stated supplies, and 30 are vacant. A number of the churches reported vacant are partially supplied by the Itinerant Department of the Domestic Missionary Society.

There are 81 pastors, 80 stated supplies, making 161 ministers in active service in connection with our churches. There are also 59 ministers reported as without charge, of whom three reside out of the State. The whole number of ministers is 220.

The pastors of 12 churches have been dismissed during the year, viz: Waterbury, Johnson, Brattleboro, Townshend East, Bradford, Thetford, Barre, St. Johnsbury 1st, and St. Johnsbury 3d, Brownington, Charleston and Brighton. Pastors have been installed during the year over fourteen churches, viz: Pittsford, Bridport, Swanton, Berkshire, Townshend, Peru, Springfield, Quechee, Norwich, Bradford, Chelsea, Waitsfield, Peacham and Lunenburg—a gain of two pastors.

STATE OF RELIGION.

It has been a very grateful service to gather up the evidences which the reports furnish, that the churches generally have had an unusually prosperous year. In almost every part of the State there has been an increase in religious interest, and a development of the working energies of the

churches. About seventy churches have furnished reports in addition to their statistical returns; so that a much more reliable estimate may be formed of their actual condition than in some former years.

The eight churches in Bennington Association "are all supplied with ministers, and in the main are in a healthy condition." There has been "some religious interest at" Rupert, with twelve hopeful conversions, and four backsliders reclaimed. The church at Sandgate is very small, yet "a few aged members still live and are glad to unite in the support of a Methodist minister." Still they have an attentive congregation of young people. The church at Manchester has been greatly strengthened, as the result of a revival of religion.

There has been a net gain of 95 members in Rutland Association. The church in Benson has been much afflicted in the dismission of its pastor, who goes to the city of Albany. His dismission occurred since the close of the Convention year. The deacon who made the report writes, "We deeply lament the change, and invoke the sympathy and prayers of sister churches in our behalf." Chittenden is supplied by a missionary student. Brandon reports increased attention on the Sabbath services, and the addition of 29 members—21 of them by profession. There has been an unusual religious interest in Rutland, and 37 have been received to the church by profession. In the church in Pittsford 23 have been received on profession. The church in Wallingford reports a recent gradual waning of the religious interest which, more or less obviously, has pervaded the community for some two years, during the last fourteen months of which there have been small additions at nearly every communion. The whole number thus added by profession within this period is forty-two. But in the meantime, nine have been dismissed to work for Christ in connection with other churches, while four have been summoned to their reward, so that the church is still small. Yet meetings continue to be well attended, and there is still a watching and waiting for further blessings.

Addison Association reports the year an unusually good one. They have gained one pastor and one stated supply, have received 146 new members, 107 of them by profession; have 311 more in the Sabbath Schools than last year. There has been a remarkable revival in Orwell, and more than usual interest in the churches generally." The pastor at Bristol reports "a growing church, a very flourishing Sabbath School, and more than usual religious interest." The church in Cornwall has been "considerably revived during the last winter," under the ministry of Pres. Kitchel. In Middlebury, the year begun and ended remarkably well, although it has been full of trial and irregularity in the church.

In Winooski Association there has been a gain of 56 members. Nearly every church reports a decided advance in religious interest. The churches

are developing their real power more fully than ever before. Christians are feeling more ready to put forth active efforts in the Master's service. The two churches in Burlington have received 72 members during the year—39 of them by profession,—among whom is a large class of young men. In Hinesburg there have been "a few hopeful conversions;" in Essex "larger congregations than for many years," and in South Hero "the Spirit of God is with them, drawing souls to Christ." In Westford "there have been 15 hopeful conversions chiefly among the young." At Winooski "the congregation is increasing, and they are making a thorough canvass of the village."

The churches in Franklin county have had but little special religious interest during the year, and there has been a loss of 18 in the number of church members. Georgia reports "some interest during the winter, and six or seven hopeful conversions." At Berkshire there have been a few hopeful conversions, and there has been a general revival of religion in Montgomery.

Two of the churches in Orleans Association report revivals, viz: Craftsbury and Irasburgh. The prospects of the church in Barton are more encouraging than they were last year. Prayer meetings are better sustained, and there has been unusual religious interest. The same is true of the churches in Charleston, Holland, and Morgan. "The church in Lowell has had its working force much increased by the addition of ten new members," that at Newbury has received thirteen, and at Craftsbury they have received 24.

The three churches in Lancaster Association have gained one pastor and 39 members, and there has been special religious interest at Guildhall and Lunenburgh.

The churches in Caledonia Association are all supplied with ministers, and there has been a gain of 110 members during the year. At Burke the year commenced with a revival, and the religious interest has continued good through the year. The Sabbath Schools are prosperous at Danville and Hardwick. Barnet reports some religious interest, resulting in about 15 hopeful conversions. Ten united with the church by letter and five by profession at the last communion, and several more are expected to do so at the next communion season. The people have raised for the support of preaching more than twice as much as they have ever raised before, and the church is now self-supporting. There has been a revival at Peacham since the week of prayer. There have been cases of religious interest constantly since the week of prayer, in the South Church at St. Johnsbury. The condition of the

church is better than the previous year. There have been some indications of the Spirit's presence and a few hopeful conversions at Waterford.

There has been a small loss in the number of members in the Montpelier Association. Two pastors have been dismissed, and one installed. Only 31 have been added by profession to the 14 churches. Yet at Duxbury there has been "considerable religious feeling, and the Sabbath School was never before in so hopeful a state." At Roxbury, "there was considerable revival interest, during the fall and winter, and some fifteen or twenty hopeful conversions." At Williamstown, "the week of prayer was observed with more interest than ever before."

In Lamoille Association 24 have been added to the churches by profession during the year, of whom 18 united with the church at Stowe. That church has ceased to depend upon the Missionary Society.

A number of the churches in Orange county report seasons of religious interest. An extensive revival has been enjoyed at Bradford. There has been "more than usual religious interest in Fairlee" and West Fairlee and five or six hopeful conversions at the former place. From Washington we receive this report: "We are a few sheep scattered on the mountains. The Missionary Society furnished us preaching for a few Sabbaths last summer." From Newbury we learn that there have been ten or twelve conversions during the year; from West Randolph that there has been unusual religious interest since the week of prayer. The church at Chelsea has settled a pastor, and the church at Post Mills has been more prosperous than usual, and has received four members by profession.

The reports from the three Associations in Windsor county indicate a higher degree of spiritual prosperity than for many years. The 23 churches of the county are all provided with ministers, excepting Barnard, which has nearly lost its organized existence. Two hundred and five have been added to the churches—one hundred and fifty of them by profession.—The churches in Hartford, Woodstock, Hartland and Ludlow have been favored with revivals of religion. The church in Bethel reports more religious interest than for twenty years. The church in Pittsfield has received 13 members by profession. The deacon of the church in Barnard writes: "Our report is a sad one. We have had no Congregational preaching for many years. We have sold our house of worship.—The most of us are aged, and we attend meeting with the Methodists.—There was unusual religious interest in Bridgewater during the summer. At Quechee a pastor has been settled, and nine have made a profession of their faith. Twenty-one have been received to the church at Windsor,—ten of them by profession. Nine were received to the church in Weathersfield Center, and 13 have been received at Weathersfield Bow. In regard to these two churches it is said that during almost the whole year

there has been an unusual interest in spiritual things, and more or less have united with the churches at almost every sacramental season. "Springfield rejoices in a pastor and in general prosperity," and at Weston there have been a few hopeful conversions. The church at Plymouth, which had become nearly extinct, is showing indications of returning vitality.—The communion has been celebrated twice within a few months, and a small addition has been made to the number of members.

Of the twenty-two churches of Windham Association, eight are reported vacant. The pastor at Bellows Falls writes that "eleven within the last two or three months have become hopeful Christians, the Sabbath School is increasing in numbers, and the social meetings are well attended. At Peru an extensive work of grace has been enjoyed.

No reference is made in the reports to the state of religion in the colleges, and yet these institutions have a large share of the interest of our churches, and much prayer is offered for them. We should not fail to remember with gratitude that both of our colleges have been strengthened during the year. A new President has been inaugurated in each of them. A fair proportion of the students are professors of religion, and some have the Christian ministry in view.

REVIVALS.

Of the twelve churches which report revivals of religion, a few have forwarded narratives of the work of grace which ought to have a place in this report. The pastor of the church in Orwell writes: "The revival came suddenly and unexpectedly, and followed a period of darkness and discouragement. No special means were used. The pastor preached three times on the Sabbath and held from two to four meetings for prayer and conference during the week. The work was remarkably quiet, seeming to move along of itself, without man's hand being at all prominent in it. It pervaded the town quite generally. The members of the church have united very heartily in promoting the revival. The work was fairly in progress before the week of prayer, but received a powerful impulse during the meetings of that week. I think the special work continued about three months. Some of the results are the following: about 60 professed to have begun a Christian life; forty-eight have been received to the church by profession, and we expect several more in July. Of those received the youngest was 11, the oldest 55, the greater number between 15 and 35. Four of them were formerly Roman Catholics."

The revival at Montgomery commenced in the two-days meeting held in the early part of January. The revival interest extended over the town. Eleven are reported as having united with the Congregational Church.

At Craftsbury, the work of grace was preceded by an unusual readiness on the part of the friends of the Redeemer to engage in active efforts for

the advancement of His cause. "There has been more or less religious interest among the impenitent during the whole year, which culminated in the winter in a precious season of revival, in which more than 30 persons were hopefully converted. The work has been remarkably *still*, *deep* and *thorough*, and has included for the most part such persons as would have been set down as the most hopeless cases. Quite a number of them were notoriously wicked men. Throughout the revival, conviction of sin has been very deep, and the expression of feeling earnest and solemn, with little or no excitement."

From Peacham we have this report: "There were a few who came to the pastor to speak of personal religion previous to the week of prayer. A meeting was held every afternoon during that week. For the first three days the meetings were cold and formal, but this very coldness reacted as a motive to earnestness later in the week. On Saturday, brethren long members of the church made confession of sin—and we knew, by the trembling voices and tears, that God was taking the meeting into his own hands. In the evening the stillness was so very marked, that the pastor ventured to ask any who desired to be made the objects of special prayer, to rise. About 20 arose. Fathers and mothers were melted to tears as they looked about and saw their children—to whom they had scarcely given a single word—standing among the inquirers. Twenty-five attended an inquiry meeting Sabbath evening. The work went rapidly forward. There have been 30 or 40 hopeful conversions; several old difficulties between members of the church have been settled, and we pray that others may be. Individual members of the church have labored, and are laboring earnestly with the pastor—yet, as a body, the church has not been moved as a church ought to be."

The young pastor of the church at Bradford entered upon his work in November of last year. There was a gradual increase of interest among Christians for a number of weeks. The pastor labored especially to convince Christians of their responsibility for the conversion of sinners. The week of prayer was observed, and the interest was deepened by it. One after another of the impenitent became interested. The members of the church entered quietly and humbly into the work for the Master. There was little apparent excitement. Two or three circles of prayer were formed—one among the males and one among the females, and these were the means of guiding many of the inquirers. The latter way of working has been greatly blessed. The former pastor Dr. McKeen entered very earnestly into the work. The converts were generally from middle aged persons at first, and more from the young. Twenty-nine were added to the church the 1st of May, and some twelve more are expected to come forward at another time.

The work at Woodstock was chiefly among the young people of the congregation. The ordinary means of grace were relied on, with the addition of a lecture on Wednesday evening, by the pastors of the vicinity. Ten have been already added to the church.

The church in Hartland was greatly disheartened in the autumn. Their numbers had been lessened by emigration—they had long been without a revival, and it seemed as though the doors of their sanctuary must soon be closed. In their distress they cried unto the Lord, and He visited them. The Spirit came suddenly and with power. The whole village was aroused. A parish visit at the home of the pastor, which had been appointed before the religious interest had commenced, was so fully pervaded by a serious spirit, that it became an inquiry meeting. One person dated her conversion from that hour. Others followed within a few days. The church was faithful, especially in prayer. The ordinary means of grace, with one or two lectures a week by the pastors of the vicinity, were the means used. The church has been greatly strengthened and encouraged by the work.

The work at Hartford commenced in the autumn, but was fully developed late in the winter, in connection with a meeting of the circular conference. The churches of the vicinity had an unusual spirit of grace and supplication for the church at Hartford. A class of impenitent men had been made the objects of especial prayer for months. At the meeting of the Conference, a number of these men requested to be especially remembered in prayer. One after another of them received the grace of God, and in turn united in efforts for others. A number of the prominent citizens of the town were reached. Thirty-four have already united with the church, and the harvest is not yet all gathered in.

The work at Ludlow has been general throughout the town. The church had long been in a state of feebleness, as well spiritually as otherwise. There was an upward tendency toward the close of the last year, which was at its height in January. The congregations were large and solemn. "The means employed were direct personal effort and unceasing prayer, and this," the pastor writes, "as far as I can learn, was mostly on the part of one man, of whom the enemies of Christ declared that he prayed two-thirds of the time. I believe the revival would have been insignificant but for this wrestling Jacob. Eighteen have united with the Congregational church, and eight others propose to do so soon. About as many have united with the Baptist church."

The revivals in Peru, and in Manchester, have been in connection with the labors of Rev. Mr. Tarlton an evangelist who came from Boston. A ladies' prayer-meeting at Peru seems to have received an unusual measure of the spirit of prayer, and for many months that meeting had been prepar-

ing the way for a work of grace. The last of February, the evangelist came in response to an invitation from the church. He preached twice every day, chiefly to the church. At the close of the first week, while the preaching was still directed to the church, "the converting power of the Holy Spirit appeared. Sinners saw their lost condition, and began to weep and call for mercy. The next evening, more than twenty were inquiring the way of life. From that time there were daily new evidences of the presence of God. The church quietly went about its work, free from passion, but with a holy trust in a prayer-hearing God. Nearly all secular business in the town was laid aside, and the constant theme of conversation everywhere was the condition of sinners without the favor of God. The meetings continued with increasing interest daily, until the 17th of March, when Mr. Tarlton closed his labors. A very marked character of the first concern of sinners was a clear sense of sin—a sense of sin so great in some cases as greatly to alarm us, and then Christ would appear and take away the burden and give sweet peace. The special efforts have ceased, but the Holy Spirit remains. Several conversions have occurred since the daily preaching ceased. Others are still under deep conviction. It is safe to say that at least 70 persons have given themselves to Christ in this place since February last. Thirty-four have already united with the church, and twenty-five more are ready to do so in July. The majority of the converts are over 20 years of age, many are over 30, and several are beyond 45.

After leaving Peru, Mr. Tarlton held a meeting of similar character at Manchester, as the result of which some 30 persons, it is believed, have passed from darkness into light.

In the narratives of these seasons of revival, two facts deserve our attention. The first is, the close connection of those revivals with prayer. Indeed, nearly every church which has reported a quickened state of religious feeling, has reported also that it was intimately connected with the week of prayer. It has been true, now as always, that God has bestowed his blessing when his people have called upon him. Some wrestling Jacob, some ladies' prayer-meeting, some private circle of praying young men, or the union in prayer during the first week in the year, has secured the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The other fact is, that these seasons of revival have been closely connected with the personal effort of the members of the church. *Lay effort* has been added to ministerial effort, and the union of both has been followed by the revival.

GENERAL RESULTS.

The whole number received to the churches of the entire State during the year has been ten hundred and ninety-three—about twice as many as were received last year, and more than twice the average number received for the last eight years.

Four hundred and sixty-six have been received by letter during the year, making the whole number added to our churches fifteen hundred and fifty-nine.

Three hundred and forty-eight have been removed by death; four hundred and fifty by letters of dismission, and forty-one by excommunication, making nine hundred and thirty-nine in all.

There has been a net gain in the number of members, of six hundred and twenty. The whole number of members of the one hundred and ninety churches, is seventeen thousand five hundred and twenty-six, an average of ninety-two and a fraction to each church.

Taking the State at large, about one-third of the number of members are males, while in the feebler churches it is often the fact that the proportion of males is much smaller.

Thirty-seven churches report that they have received no additions by profession during the year. And a large portion of these churches make the same report from year to year. Yet many of these churches are provided with the regular means of grace.

Subtracting this number from the whole number of churches, we have 153 remaining, in which an addition has been made during the year, of 1093, an average of 7 additions by profession to each of these churches.

If we divide the number of additions by profession, by the whole number of ministers in active service in the State, we find that the average to each year of ministerial labor is nearly seven, which shows that these fields of labor in Vermont have been more productive during the past year than the average of other fields of labor in New England.

Yet the most productive fields have been those in which the smallest churches exist.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP AND PARSONAGES.

A number of the reports speak of improvements upon houses of worship, or the erection of new ones. The following societies have repaired, or are at present repairing their houses of worship, viz: Middletown, Tinmouth, Essex, Underhill, Bethel and Bellows Falls. A church has been erected at Ripton, and churches are now building at Milton and Albany.

Parsonages have been secured at Lunenburg, Hardwick, Peacham and Rochester; one is building at Barton; and those at Barre, Jericho, Middletown and Williamstown have been repaired.

A very interesting item in regard to the statistics of our churches is the amount of church property which they possess, but we have no means of ascertaining this.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

The reports from Burlington and Manchester speak of the great usefulness of Young Men's Christian Associations in those places. This is one of the most successful methods of developing the laymen of the churches into efficient servants of Christ, and it would be a great advantage to our churches if they were more numerous.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The whole number connected with our Sabbath Schools is reported at 18,516. Nearly every church which sends any report at all, has a Sabbath School.

CONGREGATIONS.

The sum total of the average congregations of the State is 23,811, which gives us a general average of 120 to each church in the State.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The amount of benevolent contributions for the year has been $43,996,01, an advance of more than $5,000, or 13 per cent, on the previous year. Yet the sum collected last year was a decided advance on the sum reported on any preceding year.

CONCLUSION.

The review of the condition of our churches at the end of the year, certainly calls for grateful praise. The year has been a prosperous one, and we enter upon our work for another year with more to stimulate us and more to encourage us than we have usually had.

E. H. BYINGTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WINDSOR, VT., June 17, 1867.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

ORDAINED.

1866. May 11.	Henry M. Holmes,	Lunenburg.
Aug. 10.	Chs. M. Mead, Cornwall, Prof. Theological Seminary,	Andover.

INSTALLED.

1866. May 2.	Mr. Lester H. Elliott,	Winooski.
May 31.	Mr. Myron A. Munson,	Pittsford.
June 28.	Rev. Josiah W. Kingsbury,	Quechee.
Aug. 22.	Rev. Perrin B. Fisk,	Peacham.
Sept. 27.	Rev. William Sewall,	Norwich.
Sept. 28.	Mr. E. W. Hatch,	East Berkshire.
Oct. 10.	Rev. Alonzo T. Deming,	Swanton.
Nov. 15.	Rev. A. B. Dascomb,	Waitsfield.
Nov. 21.	Mr. John K. Williams,	Bradford.
1867. Jan. 2.	Rev. Matthew A. Gates,	Peru.
Feb. 6.	Rev. James R. Bourne,	Lunenburgh.
Feb. 26.	Rev. Warren W. Winchester,	Bridport.
Mar. 12.	Rev. A. S. Barton,	Townshend East.
May 1.	Mr. William A. Jones,	Chelsea.
May 2.	Rev. Levi H. Cobb,	Springfield.

DISMISSED.

1866. June 15.	Rev. Levi Loring,	Charleston.
July 2.	Rev. Leonard Tenney,	Thetford.
Sept. 17.	Rev. William O. Baldwin,	St. Johnsbury.
Oct. 9.	Rev. John W. H. Baker,	Brighton.
Oct. 15.	Rev. C. L. Cushman,	Townshend East.
Nov. 21.	Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D.,	Bradford.
1867. Jan. 16.	Rev. Charles C. Parker,	Waterbury.
	Rev. George P. Tyler, D. D.,	Brattleboro.
Feb. 5.	Rev. S. R. Hall, LL. D.,	Brownington.
Feb. 26.	Rev. H. M. Holliday,	St. Johnsbury.
Mar. 6.	Rev. E. I. Carpenter,	Barre.
Mar. 12.	Rev. James Dougherty, D. D.,	Johnson.

DECEASED.

1866. June 25.	Rev. O. D. Allis, at	Dansville, N. Y.
Sept. 14.	Rev. Salim M. Plimpton, at	Chelsea.
Nov. 9.	Rev. Selah R. Arms, at	Windham.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

The Statistical Year ends the First Sabbath in May.

1. ADDISON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. JAMES T. HYDE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted			Removed.				B'ptisms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Addison,	Nov. 24, 1804	Vacant.			5	9	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00
Bridport,	June 30, 1790	W.W.Winchester	March 23, 1854	Feb. 26, 1867	36	84	120	20	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	107	200	$115 65
Bristol,	July 8, 1805	Geo. L. Gleason,	Feb. 1, 1866	Feb. 1, 1866	26	43	69	5	15	6	21	0	2	0	2	14	1	124	125	102 00
Cornwall,	July 15, 1785	H.D.Kitchel,DD.	Feb. 20, 1838	Stated supply.	49	98	147	22	7	2	9	4	6	0	10	6	2	175	150	347 90
Ferrisburg,	Jan. 26, 1824	HarveyF.Leavitt,	May, 1830	Stated supply.	11	26	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	100	
Middlebury,	Sept. 5, 1790	James T. Hyde,	June 22, 1853	June 10, 1857	138	243	381	84	18	16	34	9	12	0	21	14	4	200	375	1037 78
Newhaven,	Sept. 20, 1800	C. B. Hulbert,	Oct. 20, 1859	Oct. 20, 1859	65	119	184	30	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	2	120	225	431 58
Orwell,	1789	Lewis A. Austin,	June 26, 1862	June 26, 1862	82	100	182	21	48	1	49	4	4	0	8	36	0	200	162	234 50
Ripton,	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent,	Oct. 22, 1828	Sept. 14, 1863	26	39	65	18	1	1	2	1	5	0	6	0	0	45	45	49 00
Salisbury,	Feb'y 8, 1804	A. B. Lyon,	Feb. 1858	Stated supply.	16	27	43	9	0	1	1	1	6	0	7	0	1	50	75	54 00
Shoreham,	March 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	Dec. 28, 1859	June 1, 1864	33	81	114	0	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	1	0	72	150	195 00
Vergennes,	Sept. 17, 1793	H. A. P. Torrey,	May 3, 1865	May 3, 1865	54	132	186	19	9	7	16	6	4	0	10	6	6	100	160	425 33
Weybridge,	June 20, 1794	S.W.Cozzens, DD	Aug. 8, 1832	Stated supply.	21	47	68	10	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	110	65	25 00
13		8 Pastors, 4 S. S.			562	1048	1610	243	107	39	146	27	45	0	72	83	17	1363	1832	$3,017 74

Ministers without Charge—Joseph Steele, N. Z. Graves, F. W. Olmstead, Manchester; Prof. Solon Albee, Middlebury; Otto S. Hoyt, Newhaven; Stilman Morgan, Bristol.

Installed—Warren W. Winchester. *Ordained*—Prof. Charles M. Mead, of Andover Theological Seminary.

2. BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. RUFUS S. CUSHMAN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total.	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total.	Adult	Infan			
E. Arl't'n & Sund.	Nov. 2, 1843	Wm. O. Baldwin,	Oct. 4, 1854	Stated supply.	13	27	40	0	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	2	0	60	100	
Bennington 1st,	Dec. 3d, 1762	Isaac Jennings,	Jan. 7, 1843	Sept. 21, 1853	65	153	218	17	19	4	23	2	4	0	6	14	1	100	175	$641 25
Bennington 2d,	April 21, 1836	C. H. Hubbard,	Feb'y, 1848	Stated supply	96	137	233	15	16	4	20	1	0	0	1	13	8	225	275	481 30
Dorset,	Sept. 22, 1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	Sept. 29, 1847	Dec. 25, 1860	37	65	102	12	3	2	5	0	5	0	5	1	1	175	175	384 25
Manchester,	1784	R. S. Cushman,	Dec., 1843	May, 1862	68	131	199	13	16	5	21	2	3	1	6	13	4	175	225	550 97
Pownal,	May 21, 1851	Prof Chas. Treat,		Stated supply.	6	21	27	11	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	9	0		60	40 00
Rupert,	June 6, 1786	J. B. Clark,	Dec. 1838	Stated supply.	27	69	96	6	9	0	9	1	4	0	5	9	0	80	80	162 90
Sandgate,	1782	Mr. Bowen		Stated supply.	4	5	9	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	30	60	
8					316	608	924	76	67	18	85	10	17	1	28	52	14	845	1150	$2,260 67

Ministers without Charge—James Anderson, J. D. Wickham, D. D., J. W. Brown, Manchester; R. C. Hand, Brooklyn, N. Y.

8. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. Joseph Torrey, Jr.

CHURCHES.	Organized.	MINISTERS.	Ordained.	Installed.	Church Members.				Admitted			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Barnet.(McL.'s F.)	Oct., 22, 1829	M. B. Bradford,	1827	Stated supply.	26	76	102	21	1	5	6	1	5	0	6	1	5	115	200	$150 00
Barnet,	Sept. 14, 1858	L. S. Watts,	Feb. 7, 1866	Stated supply.	17	49	66	14	6	13	19	1	1	0	2	2	4	150	130	150 00
Burke,	March 1, 1807	Wm. R. Joslyn,	Feb. 3, 1864	Stated supply.	23	38	61	15	16	3	19	3	4		7	3	2	55	100	16 00
Cabot,	Oct. 25, 1801	S. F. Drew,	Oct. 18, 1857	Sept. 19, 1860	53	84	137	18	2	4	6	3	2	0	5	2	1	110	170	250 00
Danville,	Aug., 1792	John Eastman,	Aug. 18, 1834	June 26, 1861	47	91	138	16	1	1	2	6	6	0	12	0	0	110	160	250 00
Hardwick,	July 29, 1803	Joseph Torrey, Jr.	May 30, 1860	May 30, 1860	33	71	104	14	5	5	10	1	5	0	6	2	2	190	130	371 28
Lyndon,	Nov. 30, 1817	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845	Stated supply.	27	76	103	30	7	11	18	2	4		6	6	4	100	140	139 66
Peacham,	April 14, 1792	P. B. Fiske,	Oct. 1, 1863	Aug. 22, 1866	78	151	224	38	22	3	25	5	6	0	11	5	4	300	350	492 58
St. Johnsbury 1st,	Nov. 21, 1809	E. T. Fairbanks,	Licentiate.	Stated supply.	23	64	87	17	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	90	100 00
St. Johnsbury 3d,	Nov. 25, 1840	Jos. Underwood,	Apr. 8, 1826	Stated supply.	30	41	71	22	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	110	140	7 00
St. Johnsbury No.	Oct. 7, 1825	E. C. Cummings,	Mar. 17, 1858	May 10, 1860	97	199	296	75	31	7	38	6	9	0	15	19	2	306	252	3,458 89
St. Johnsbury So.	Oct. 23, 1851	Lewis O. Brastow	Jan. 10, 1861	Jan. 10, 1861	69	112	181	38	22	14	36	6	2	0	8	12	4	231	263	3,156 01
Waterford,	May 30, 1798	D. McClenning,	Apr. 28, 1860	Stated supply.	55	73	128	10	13	1	14	2	5	0	7	9	0	90	130	73 00
13		6 Pastors, 7 S. S.			573	1125	1698	228	127	71	198	38	50	0	88	66	28	1947	2255	$8,513 42

Ministers without Charge—W. W. Thayer,

Installed—P. B. Fiske, Peacham, August 22, 1866.

Dismissed—William O. Baldwin, St. Johnsbury, 3d, Sept. 17, 1866; H. M. Holliday, St. Johnsbury 1st, Feb. 26, 1867.

4. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. J. G. Bailey.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	Jan. 23, 1856	Jan. 23, 1856	20	23	43		0	3	3	2	2	0	4	0	0	50	100	$150 00
Eden,	Oct. 25, 1812	Vacant.			5	9	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hydepark,	March 5, 1863	J. G. Bailey,	Feb. 24, 1864	Feb. 24, 1864	7	18	25	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	*95	90	45 00
Hydepark North,	Sept. 9, 1858	J. G. Bailey.	Feb. 24, 1864	Stated supply.	12	21	33	8	0	2	2	0	0	0	0		1	*55	60	25 00
Johnson,	Sept. 20, 1817	M. B. Page,		Stated supply.	37	71	108	32	0	3	3	4	4	0	8	0	0	200	175	184 50
Morristown,	July 14, 1807	Lyman Bartlett,	Aug. 8, 1861	Aug. 8, 1861	32	59	91	24	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	1	0	100	125	178 70
Stowe,	Nov. 21, 1818	James T. Ford,	Nov. 25, 1857	Nov. 25, 1857	32	68	100	12	18	2	20	2	1	0	3	15	3	160	130	206 44
Waterville,	Feb. 25, 1823	Vacant.			3	17	20	3	1	0	1	0	1		1	0	0	25	80	25 00
Wolcott,	June 11, 1818	Horace Herrick,	Sept. 1, 1844	Stated supply.	17	33	50	9	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	65	87	20 00
9		4 Pastors, 3 S. S.			165	319	484	91	25	14	39	10	9	0	19	18	4	750	847	$834 64

Ministers without Charge—John Gleed, Morrisville; Rev. James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson; Rev. G. F. Montgomery, Missionary, Marash, Central Turkey.

Dismissed—Rev. James Dougherty, D. D., March 12, 1867.

* Union Schools.

5. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. James Laird.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total.	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Granby & Victory	1825	Jeremiah Glines,	Jan. 7, 1827	Stated supply.	13	27	40	2	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	2	1	45	65	$40 00
Guildhall,	1799	James Laird,	March 13, 1866	Mar. 13, 1866	31	63	94	41	4	4	8	2	4	0	6	3	1	60	100	110 66
Lunenburg,	Dec. 27, 1802	James R. Bourne,	Feb. 8, 1859	Feb. 6, 1867	46	90	136	21	36	1	37	2	2	0	4	12	2	130	150	213 00
3		2 Pastors, 1 S. S.			90	180	270	64	45	5	50	5	6	0	11	17	4	235	315	$363 66

Installed—Rev. James R. Bourne, Feb. 6, 1867.

6. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. PLINY F. BARNARD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Baptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Barre,	Nov. 14, 1799	Vacant.			34	99	133	25	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	150	165	$250 00
Berlin,	Oct. 17, 1798	Vacant.			16	39	55	12	3	1	4	3	0	20	23	2	4	125	125	78 00
Berlin West,	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone,	Jan. 21, 1829	S. Sup. ½ time	3	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	53	75	27 25
Duxbury,	Jan. 18, 1836	Jas. W. VanDyke,	Licentiate.		14	8	22	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	45	70	
Marshfield,	May 18, 1826	Vacant.			7	8	15	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Montpelier,	July 20, 1808	Wm. H. Lord,	Sept. 20, 1847	Sept. 20, 1847	158	238	396	70	7	5	12	3	13	0	16	4	5	325	500	930 00
Northfield,	May 27, 1822	W. S. Hazen,	Oct. 12, 1864	Oct. 12, 1864	42	78	120	27	2	10	12	3	6	2	11	0	3	161	144	222 98
Plainfield,	Jan. 5, 1826	C. M. Winch,	June 29, 1853	Stated supply.	13	31	44	7	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	5	5	80	70	17 75
Roxbury,	1838	Alden Ladd,	Feb. 15, 1865	Feb. 15, 1865	15	31	46	6	7	10	17	0	0	0	0	5	0	60	92	50 00
Waitsfield,	June 27, 1796	A. B. Dascomb,	Jan. 16, 1862	Nov. 15, 1866	45	93	138	16	2	4	6	3	7	4	14	0	2	150	150	225 00
Warren,	1816	Vacant.			2	7	9	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	75	0 00
Waterbury,	July 10, 1801	Vacant.			36	103	139	19	2	1	3	2	11	0	13	1	4	130	150	
Williamstown,	Aug. 13, 1795	P. F. Barnard,	Jan. 14, 1847	Sept. 19, 1860	22	65	87	22	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	115	120	98 11
Worcester,	Feb. 28, 1824	David Perry,	Aug. 1828	Stated supply.	18	41	59	14	0	2	2	1	0	0	1		2	50	75	85 40
14		5 Pastors, 4 S. S.			425	851	1276	235	31	39	70	19	45	26	90	18	26	1494	1811	$1,984 49

Ministers without Charge—Rev. C. S. Smith, Sec. Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.
Installed—Rev. A. B. Dascomb, Nov. 15, 1866, over the church in Waitsfield.
Dismissed—Rev. C. C. Parker, Jan. 16, 1867, from church in Waterbury ; Rev. E. I. Carpenter, March 6, 1867, from church in Barre.

7. NORTH-WESTERN ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. GEORGE B. TOLMAN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Alburgh,	Feb. 18, 1824	Calvin B. Cady,	1837	Stated supply.	17	36	53	6	8	0	8	2	0	0	2			50	200	
Bakersfield,	July 3d, 1811	Geo. F. Wright,	Aug. 26, 1863	Jan. 16, 1866	42	79	121	28	1	1	2	3	7	0	10	4	0	112	125	$468 00
Berkshire East,	July 15th, 1820	E. W. Hatch,	Sept. 25, 1866	Sept. 25, 1866	17	27	44	2	3	2	5	0	2	0	2	0	3	65	70	65 00
Enosburgh,	Oct. 11th, 1811	Alfred B. Swift,	Jan 7, 1853	Stated supply.	59	76	135	29	4	0	4	2	8	1	11	2	1	139	100	415 00
Fairfield,	Sept. 22d, 1800	E. J. Comings,	Sept. 1841	Stated supply.	10	21	31	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	40	55	140 00
Franklin,	Oct. 11th, 1817	I. U. Levins,	Licentiate,	Stated supply.	14	33	47	5	5	0	5	1	5	0	6	1	1	40	75	95 50
Georgia,	Nov. 7th, 1793	Nelson Barbour,	Dec. 1836	Stated supply.	19	66	85	18	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	0	4	65	115	131 16
Highgate,	Oct. 28th, 1811	A. J. Samson,	Not reported.	Stated supply.	17	44	61	10	0	0	0	0	11	0	11	0	0	60	70	00
Montgomery Cen.	July 15th, 1817	Sewall Paine,	Feb. 22d, 1843	Feb. 22d, 1843	15	37	52	5	11	0	11	3	1	0	4	9	0	36	50	20 00
North Hero,	Nov. 18th, 1862	S. H. Williams,	June 16, 1845	Nov. 18th, 1862	3	4	7	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	45	24 65
Sheldon,	J'y or Au. 1816	G. B. Tolman,	July 10th, 1862	July 10th, 1862	23	36	59	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	58	55	241 84
St. Albans 1st,	Jan. 2d, 1803	J. Q. Bittenger,	Oct. 25, 1860	Dec. 30, 1864	72	130	202		2	0	2	2	8	0	10	0	4	225	350	1946 09
St. Albans 2d,	May 26th, 1841	Vacant.			17	36	53	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Swanton,	Jan. 4th, 1800	A. T. Deming,	June 11, 1863	Oct. 10, 1866	36	81	117	20	0	11	11	2	4	0	6	0	1	75	110	322 00
14		4 Pastors, 6 S. S.			361	706	1067	164	37	15	52	19	50	1	70	15	16	965	1420	$4,069 24

Ministers without Charge—Lyndon S. French, Franklin; H. P. Hickok, Burlington; E. H. Squier, Middlebury.

Installed—E. W. Hatch, Berkshire, Sept. 25, 1866; A. T. Deming, Swanton, Oct. 10, 1866.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM S. PALMER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Congreg. Average	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Bradford,	June 24, 1818	J. K. Williams,	Nov. 22, 1866	Nov. 22, 1866	42	117	159	29	31	2	33	3	5	0	8	0	0	165	150	$271 89
Corinth,	Oct. 20, 1820	J. C. Houghton,	Dec. 2, 1840	Stated supply.	28	57	85	9	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	3	1	45	130	30 00
Fairlee,	Feb. 28, 1823	Silas McKeen, DD	Oct. 28, 1815	Stated supply.	6	31	37	6	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	74	100	
Fairlee West,	Dec. 9, 1809	Solon Martin,	June 16, 1835	Stated supply.	36	65	101	34	11	1	12	0	1	0	1	6	3	90	112	98 50
Newbury,	1764	H. N. Burton,	Dec. 31, 1857	Dec. 31, 1857	84	120	154	18	6	1	7	7	32		39	5	2	125	200	600 00
Newbury West,	Feb. 13, 1867	David Connell,		Stated supply.	8	19	27	0	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	55	100	25 00
Post Mills,	Feb. 26, 1839	Charles Scott,	Dec. 27, 1854	Stated supply.	11	31	42	2	4	5	9	0	1	0	1	4	0	70	130	105 00
Strafford,	Nov. 19, 1820	Augus. Chandler,	Sept. 12, 1860	Dec. 1864	16	26	42	4	1	0	1	2	0		2	0	0	80	70	107 30
Thetford,	1778	Leonard Tenney,	Mar. 19, 1845	Stated supply.	66	119	185	45	0	3	3	7	4	0	11	0	0	145	170	448 51
Vershire,	July 14, 1787	Vacant.			19	41	60	10	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	0	00	000	48 01
Washington,	1800	Vacant,			3	4	7	2	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	00	00	
Wells River,	Jan. 13, 1842	W. S. Palmer,	Feb. 19, 1862	Feb. 19, 1862	22	87	109	23	2	0	2	2	1		3	1	1	200	210	339 00
12		4 Pastors, 6 S. S.			291	717	1008	182	63	17	80	24	51	0	75	21	9	999	1372	$2,068 21

Ministers without Charge—Rev. Charles Duren. *Ordained and Installed*—Rev. J. K. Williams, Nov. 22, 1866.

Dismissed—Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D., Bradford, and Rev. Leonard Tenney, Thetford.

9. ORLEANS ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. PLINY H. WHITE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo-Contribu-tions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Albany,	Aug. 16, 1818	Vacant.			8	15	23	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	00	$00 00
Barton,	Sept. 24, 1817	W. A. Robinson,	Jan. 11, 1866	Jan. 11, 1866	31	62	93	24	4	4	8	0	3	0	3	0	0	75	115	125 00
Brighton,	Oct. 5, 1841	Vacant.			10	14	24	9	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	75	75	50 00
Brownington,	March 4, 1809	Vacant.			30	55	85	24	10	3	13	1	3	0	4	3	7	60	65	155 00
Charleston,	May 6, 1844	T. E. Ranney,	May 1, 1844	Stated supply.	13	37	50	11	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	100	311 29
Coventry,	Oct. 2d, 1810	Pliny H. White,	Feb. 15th, 1859	Stated supply.	33	65	98	8	4	1	5	4	1	0	5	2	1	175	159	379 02
Craftsbury,	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	Oct. 11, 1865	Oct. 11, 1865	38	87	125	10	24	5	29	3	6	0	9	17	10	160	140	259 57
Derby,	Aug. 9, 1807	James P. Stone,	Oct. 16, 1839	Stated supply.	41	77	118	25	0	3	3	1	6	0	7	0	0	100	150	285 25
Glover,	July 12th, 1817	S. K. B. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1860	Jan. 11th, 1860	19	44	63	11	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	2	150	125	120 00
Greensboro,	Nov. 25, 1804	A. W. Wild,	Oct. 26, 1864	Oct. 26, 1864	35	55	90	16	6	2	8	5	5	0	10	2	9	94	130	198 17
Holland,	Nov. 30, 1842	J. T. Howard,	Jan. 19, 1841	June 3, 1844	3	15	18	3	0		0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	50	23 47
		A. R. Gray,	Nov. 13, 1844	S. Sup. ¼ time										0						
Irasburgh,	Jan. 28, 1818	J. H. Woodward,	Jan. 31st, 1838	Sept. 21, 1864	41	58	99	21	13	4	17	3	1	0	4	5	0	140	130	80 00
Lowell,	Jan. 10th, 1816	Azro A. Smith,	Feb. 11th, 1864	Feb. 11, 1864	13	15	28	3	10	0	10	0	3	0	3	6	0	92	80	53 00
Morgan,	June 4th, 1823	Jacob S. Clark,	Jan. 11, 1827	Jan. 11, 1827	11	22	33	10	2		2		0	0	0	2	0	70	98	16 75
		A. R. Gray,	Nov. 13, 1844	S. Sup. ¼ time										0						
Newport,	Aug. 23, 1831	Vacant.			30	39	69	10	11	4	15	1	0	0	1	7	0	100	125	50 00
Troy North,	Feb. 15, 1818	Vacant.			20	44	64	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	100	175	00
Troy South,	Jan. 23, 1845	John A. Farrar,	Oct. 21, 1862	S.Sup. ¼ time.	6	15	21	6	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	30	55	00
Westfield,	Apr. 19th, 1819	A. A. Smith,	Feb. 11th, 1864	Feb. 11, 1864	20	43	63	5	11		11	1	2	0	3	3	0	130	120	90 00
		John A. Farrar,	Oct. 21, 1862	S.Sup. ¼ time.										0						
18		8 Pastors, 5 S. S.			402	762	1164	212	101	26	127	21	36	0	57	49	33	1681	1892	2,196 52

Ministers without Charge—John W. H. Baker, Brighton; S. R. Hall, Brownington; R. V. Hall, Newport; George Stone, North Troy.
Dismissed—John W. H. Baker, Brighton, Oct. 9, 1866; S. R. Hall, Brownington, Feb. 5, 1867.
Licentiate—Leonard W. Brigham, Vineland, N. J.

10. ROYALTON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. T. Henry Johnson.

CHURCHES.	Organized.	MINISTERS.	Ordained.	Installed.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Barnard,	May 15th, 1782	Vacant.			6	6	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	$0 00
Bethel,	July 25, 1817	T. Henry Johnson	October, 1852	Stated supply.	13	32	45	9	3	2	5	1	2	0	3	1	3	90	75	121 00
Braintree,	Dec. 25th, 1794	{ Ammi Nichols, J. B. Griswold,	Sept. 23, 1807	Licentiate.	21	32	53	16	3	1	4	2	2	0	4	3	0	54	62	35 00
Brookfield 1st,	July 11, 1787	Daniel Wild,	July 1st, 1830	July 1st, 1830	[illegible]	54	99	25	1	0	1	5	4	0	9	0	6	65	100	300 00
Brookfield 2d,	Nov. 16th, 1848	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	33	57	15	1	2	3	0	5	0	5	1	0	100	200	50 00
Chelsea,	Apr. 10th, 1789	Wm A. James,	May 1, 1867	May 1, 1867	45	77	122	10	0	0	0	3	12	0	15	0	0	135	150	246 00
Gaysville,	Oct. 8th, 1827	T. S. Hubbard,	July 1839	Stated supply.	15	27	42	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	65	72	61 00
Pittsfield,	Sept. 17th, 1803	S. Sparhawk,	March 19, 1839	Stated supply.	35	62	97	19	18	0	18	2	0	0	2	6	3	60	80	60 55
Randolph,	May 30th, 1786	D. B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838	Jan. 3, 1866	38	70	108	25	7	1	8	1	10	0	11	0	1	75	125	60 00
Randolph West,	Oct. 1st, 1831	Chas. C. Torrey,	Sept. 7th, 1855	Stated supply.	50	108	158	48	6	5	11	3	1	0	4	4	0	100	150	129 00
Rochester,	Sept. 11th, 1801	H. M. Holliday,	March 1, 1866	Stated supply.	32	73	105	9	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	2	0	75	110	
Royalton,	Autumn, 1777	C. B. Drake, D.D.	Oct. 12th	1837	Oct. 12th, 1837	47	102	149	55	0	1	1	4	8	0	12	0	0	92	135	201 03
Tunbridge,	Feb. 5th, 1792	Edwin H. Alden,	Apr. 3,	1864	Stated supply.	17	26	42	10	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	75	85	62 00
13		4 Pastors. 6 S S.				388	702	1090	239	33	14	52	26	45	0	71	18	14	986	1344	$1,335 58

Ministers without Charge—A. S. Swift, Pittsfield. *Installed*—William A. James, Chelsea, May 1, 1867.

Deceased.—O. D. Allis, July, 1866; S. M. Plimpton, Sept. 14, 1866.

11. RUTLAND ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. HENRY M. GROUT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Baptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let't'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Excom.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Benson,	1790	Wm. S. Smart,	Jan. 23, 1861	Jan. 23, 1861	52	73	125	20	2	2	4	1	7	0	8	1	4	113	235	$207 28
Brandon,	Sept. 23, 1785	FranklinTuxbury	July 15, 1857	May 25, 1865	57	118	175	26	21	8	29	5	10	0	15	9	2	126	235	405 00
Castleton,	Autumn, 1784	Lewis Francis,	Feb. 18, 1863	Sept. 23, 1864	77	170	247	53	4	2	6	6	9	0	15	0	1	147	235	622 44
Clarendon,	Feb. 18, 1822	Wm. T. Herrick,	May 23, 1851	May 6, 1863	29	42	71	19	3	0	3	1	0	2	3	2	5	118	109	271 31
Chittenden,	June, 1834	Vacant.			6	15	21	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	
Fairhaven,	Nov. 15, 1803	R. L. Herbert,		Stated supply.	20	30	50	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	150	150 00
Hubbardton,	1782	Calvin Granger,		Stated supply.	5	17	22	2	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	5	0	50	60	20 00
Middletown,	1782	O. Myrick,	1846	Stated supply.	14	28	42	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	75	
Pawlet,	Aug. 8, 1781	L. H. Stone,	1839	Stated supply.	27	71	98	16	7	1	8	1	3	0	7	5	0	167	175	257 00
Pittsford,	1784	M. A. Munson,	May 31, 1866	May 31, 1866	71	112	183	45	23	7	30	3	1	0	4	14	2	217	200	710 25
East Poultney,	1780	John G. Hale,	Sept. 30, 1852	April 18, 1860	40	75	115	13	5	2	7	3	7	1	11	3	1	92	100	153 93
Rutland,	1788	N. Seaver, D.D.	Aug. 29, 1860	Aug. 29, 1860	163	313	476	80	37	16	53	4	5	0	9	12	8	400	600	1373 60
Rutland West,	Oct. 13, 1773	Henry M. Grout,	Sept. 1, 1858	Aug. 26, 1862	93	153	246	35	4	4	8	4	1	0	5	2	2	200	250	721 35
Sudbury,	1791	Henry F. Rustedt,	Feb'y 8, 1841	Stated supply.	5	23	28	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	60	90 00
Tinmouth,	1780	Geo. S. Woodhull	1858	Stated supply.	14	35	49	11	13	1	14	1	1	0	2	7	4	50	70	70 00
Wallingford,	About 1790	Aldace Walker,	Dec. 30, 1840	Stated supply.	27	83	110	10	18	0	18	2	8	0	10	12	2	102	145	547 47
Westhaven,	1816	Vacant.			5	7	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		60	100 00
17		8 Pastors, 7 S. S.			705	1365	2070	358	143	43	186	38	54	3	95	72	26	2041	2764	$5,566 73

Ministers without Charge—Silas Aiken, D. D., S. P. Giddings, Rutland; Willard Child, D. D., New Haven, Conn.; H. O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, L. L. Tilden, Castleton; Charles Walker, D. D., Pittsford; S. Williams, Orwell.

Installed—Myron A. Munson, May 31, 1866.

12. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. CHARLES W. CLARK.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan.			
Bridgewater,	1793	W. A. Cutler,	Licentiate.		Stated supply.	16	34	50	7	2	0	2	2	5	0	7	0	0	68	130	$15 00
Hartford,	1786	B. F. Ray,	March 5,	1856	Feb'y 7, 1860	62	121	183	30	34	7	41	3	6	0	9	21	6	200	220	816 00
Hartford West,	June 3, 1830	H. Wellington,	April 18,	1847	Stated supply.	20	36	56	12	2	0	2	4	1	1	6	1	0	100	100	189 00
Hartland,	Sept. 6, 1799	Chas. W. Clark,	June 13,	1861	Stated supply.	21	52	73	22	11	2	13	0	3	0	3	8	2	76	59	59 00
Norwich,	June 15, 1819	Wm. Sewall.	May,	1855	Sept. 27, 1866,	82	175	257	28	5	4	9	2	6	0	8	6	0	200	230	777 62
Pomfret,	Jan. 8, 1783	W.H. Kingsbury,	Jan. 5,	1859	Stated supply.	13	32	45	10	4	0	4	0	3	0	3	3	0	75	98	68 00
Queeshy,	Jan. 13, 1831	J. W. Kingsbury,	June 28,	1866	June 28, 1866	7	42	49		9	2	11	1	0	0	1	7	0		100	86 50
Sharon,	Sept. 11, 1782	Philetus Clark,	Nov. 21,	1821	Stated supply.	13	35	48	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	50	75	94 72
Windsor,	Sept. 21, 1768	Ezra H. Byington	Feb. 23,	1859	Feb. 23, 1859	40	107	147	20	10	11	21	5	4	4	13	5	4	208	180	616 37
Woodstock,	Dec. 26, 1781	J Clement, D.D.	Oct. 13,	1830	July 14, 1852	51	115	166	5	10	5	15	6	0	0	6	7	1	120	200	416 07
10		5 Pastors, 5 S. S.				325	749	1074	140	87	31	118	24	28	5	57	59	14	1097	1392	$3,138 28

Ministers without Charge—Franklin Butler, Windsor; A. G. Pease, Waterbury; Samuel Delano.
Installed—Josiah W. Kingsbury, Quechee, June 28, 1866; William Sewall, Norwich, Sept. 27, 1866.
Licentiate—W. A. Cutler.

13. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Bellows Falls,	Aug. 7, 1850	M. A. Stevens,	Dec. 9, 1862	Stated supply.	19	38	57	19	0	4	4	2	7	0	9	0	2	75	100	$62 60
Brattleboro East,	July 15, 1819	Vacant.			98	213	311	43	6	6	12	6	13	0	19	2	2	182	350	1434 00
Brattleboro West	1770	Joseph Chandler,	April 22, 1846	April 22, 1846	89	91	180	19	2	9	11	6	2	1	9	2	1	90	200	697 00
Dummerston,	Aug. 18, 1779	B. F. Foster,	June 20, 1832	Oct. 1, 1846	24	56	80	24	6	0	6	3	2	0	5	4	0	75	125	
Fayetteville,	June 20. 1774	Benjamin Ober,	Jan. 1, 1834	Stated supply.	11	46	57	4	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	1	90	125	75 00
Grafton,	June 20, 1785	Vacant.			42	66	108	26	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	80	140	468 00
Guilford,	1768	Vacant.			3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	00
Halifax West,	July 24, 1778	Vacant.			6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	00
Jamaica,	Sept. 25, 1791	Vacant.			9	18	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	00
Londonderry So.,	Aug. 25, 1809	John H. Thyng,	1852	Stated supply.	8	9	17	0	5	3	8	1	0	0	1	5	0	50	60	00
Marlboro,	Oct. 20, 1776	Augustus Alvord,	Jan. 16, 1865	Stated supply.	9	22	31	5	4	1	5	0	4	0	4	2	1	00	62	
Peru,	Dec. 23, 1807	M. A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858	Jan. 2, 1867	57	96	153	12	40	9	49	2	5	0	7	25	24	150	150	130 00
Putney,	Oct. 16, 1776	Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825	Stated supply.	17	56	73	7	1	7	8	3	2	0	5	0	3	116	150	46 00
Saxton's River,	Jan. 1, 1825	Levi Loren,		Stated supply.	13	34	47	23	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	40	70	30 00
Stratton,	Aug. 30, 1801	Vacant.			7	12	19	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	75	28 00
Townshend East,	1792	A. S. Barton,	Oct. 19, 1862	March 12, 1867	41	78	119	18	15	4	19	2	3	0	5	8	3	75	150	300 00
Townshend West	Oct. 8, 1850	C. W. Piper,	June, 1842	Stated supply.	11	33	44	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	65	75	52 90
Wardsboro,	No record.	Vacant.	Not reported.		21	41	62	11	1	0	1	4	3	0	7	1	0	76	90	30 00
Westminster E.,	June 11, 1767	F. J. Fairbanks,	Aug. 31, 1864	Aug. 31, 1864	26	88	114	17	8	2	10	1	2	0	3	4	0	180	175	
Westminster W.,	Oct. 31, 1799	Alfred Stevens,	Feb. 28, 1843	Feb. 28, 1843	44	72	116	21	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	1	4	100	120	300 00
Wilmington,	July 4, 1855	Vacant.			21	42	63	18	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	264	175	110 50
Windham,	Sept. 9, 1805	Stephen Harris,	Oct. 24, 1861	Oct. 24, 1861	39	63	102	24	4	2	6	1	2	1	4	3	4	150	140	296 50
22		7 Pastors, 7 S. S.			565	1189	1754	306	96	53	149	42	53	2	97	53	52	1908	2542	$4,060 40

Ministers without Charge—S. S. Arnold, Ascutneyville; Lewis Grout, West Brattleboro; W. H. Gilbert, Norwich; George P. Tyler, D. D., Bucksport, Me.

Installed—A. S. Barton, Townshend; Matthew A. Gates, Peru.

Dismissed—George P. Tyler, D. D., Brattleboro; Chester L. Cushman, Townshend.

Deceased—S. R. Arms, Springfield.

14. WINDSOR ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. Moses Kimball.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Chester,	Oct. 27, 1778	Charles E. Lord,	Feb. 11, 1847		28	78	106	17	9	2	11	4	4	0	8	0	0	110	175	$51 50
Ludlow,	Sept. 25, 1806	H. C. Hazen,	Licentiate.	Stated supply.	22	63	85	13	17	1	18	2	2		4	14	0	200	180	76 50
Plymouth,	May 24, 1806	Thomas Baldwin,	June 24, 1836	Stated supply.	4	9	13	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		40	
Springfield,		1787	Levi H. Cobb,	Oct. 28, 1857	May 2, 1867	76	159	235	44	3	4	7	7	3	0	10	2	5	175	300	750 00
Weathersfield C.		1804	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835	June 28, 1866	28	71	99	31	2	7	9	0	1	0	1	3		70	80	70 00
Weathersfield E.	Dec. 13, 1838	{ Geo. H. White,			Stated supply.	60	32	92	30	13	7	20	0	0	0		11		65	80	264 50
		{ Moses Kimball,	Jan. 27th, 1832		Stated supply.														60	75	129 00
Weston,		1799	J. W. C. Pike,	January, 1868	Stated Supply.	10	30	40	9	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	5	00	80	14 00
7			2 Pastor. 6 S.S.			228	442	670	147	46	22	68	15	11	0	26	30	10	680	960	$1,355 50

Ministers without Charge—Nelson Bishop, Editor Boston Recorder; J. DeForrest Richards, Alabama; H. H. Sanderson, Charlestown, N. H.; Asa F. Clark, West Brattleboro.

Installed—Levi. H. Cobb, Springfield. *Licentiate*—H. C. Hazen, Ludlow.

15. WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION. Reported by S. L. BATES.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	INSTALLED.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				B'ptisms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevo. Contributions.
					Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism.	Exco.	Total	Adult	Infan			
Burlington 1st,	Feb 21, 1805	Eldridge Mix,	Dec. 6, 1860	Sept. 5, 1862	97	203	300	30	27	28	55	3	13	1	17	9	10	175	400	$1100 00
Burlington 3d,	Nov. 4, 1860	Geo. B. Safford,	Sept. 2, 1858	Dec. 26, 1860	33	69	102	11	12	5	17	1	0	0	1	6	8	80	200	410 45
Charlotte,	Jan. 8, 1792	C. M. Seaton,	Sept. 28, 1837	July 6, 1854	35	61	96	13	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	1	1	130	110	169 00
Colchester,	1804	E. E. Herrick,	Feb. 5, 1864	Stated supply.	9	52	61	15	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	65	44 00
Essex,	1791	A. J. Willard,	April, 1857	Stated supply.	34	57	91	22	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	108	110	84 00
Hinesburgh,	May 20, 1789	Clark E. Ferrin,	Dec. 10, 1851	Feb. 6, 1856	31	56	87	27	2	2	4	3	4	0	7	2	0	78	80	88 60
Jericho 1st,	March 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	March 29, 1860	Stated supply.	37	64	101	19	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	3	0	186	125	225 00
Jericho Corners,	Aug. 31, 1826	Vacant.			8	27	35	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0			
Milton,	Sept. 21, 1804	Royal Parkinson,	Oct. 18, 1848	Stated supply.	11	27	38	4	0	4	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	144	130	120 45
Milton West,	1860	J. K. Converse,	Aug. 9, 1832	Stated supply.	10	21	31	2	1	1	2	0	4	1	5	0	0	60	90	100 00
Richmond,	1801	Eben Halley,	Licentiate.	Stated supply.	8	29	37	2	4	1	5	2	2	0	4	4	0	85	70	80 00
South Hero,	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	Nov. 5, 1840	Nov. 5, 1840	10	42	52	1	4	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	0		75	85 00
Underhill,	Dec. 27, 1801	S. L. Bates,	March 23, 1864	Mar. 23, 1864	37	50	87	20	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	110	90	123 00
Underhill North,	Dec. 19, 1839	Vacant.			3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Westford,	Aug. 7, 1801	E.B. Chamberlain	March 12, 1856	Stated supply.	31	74	105	13	12	0	12	4	8	0	12	6	4	125	130	155 00
Williston,	Jan. 23, 1818	J. L. Maynard,	January, 1841	Dec. 1865	32	58	90	5	5	10	15	3	3	0	6	8	0	124	125	150 33
Winooski,	Nov. 9, 1836	L. H. Elliot,	May 2, 1866	May 2, 1866	16	27	43	4	5	7	12	2	5	1	8	4	2	120	120	125 00
17		8 Pastors, 7 S. S			442	925	1367	194	80	59	139	30	50	8	88	40	20	1535	1920	$2,969 83

Ministers without Charge—Joseph Torrey, D.D., B. W. Smith, John H. Worcester, D. D., J. Buckham, J. E. Goodrich, E. N. Raymond, Burlington; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; E. C. Birge, Samuel Marsh, Underhill; A. D. Barber, Willsborough, N. Y.; E. B. Tracy, Agent; A. Fleming, Constable, N. Y.

Licentiates—Prof. M. H. Buckham, Prof. C. W. Thompson, George N. Abbott.

SUMMARY.

Associations	Churches. Total	Churches. Destitute	Net incr'se of Ch. Memb'rs	Net decr'se of Ch. Memb'rs	Ministers. Pastors	Sta. sup'y	W't ch'ge	Ordained	Installed	Dismissed	Died	Licentiate's	Tot. Ministers	Church Members. Males	Females	Total	Absent	Admitted. Profess'n	Letter	Total	Removed. Death	Dismiss'n	Excom.	Total	Bap'ms Adults	Infants	Sabb. School	Aver. Cong.	Amount of Benevolent Contributions
1. Addison,	18	1	74		8	4	6	1	1	0	0	0	18	562	1048	1610	243	107	39	146	27	45	0	72	33	17	1969	1998	$3,017 74
2. Bennington,	12	0	57		5	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	316	608	924	76	67	18	85	10	17	1	28	52	14	845	1150	2,260 67
3. Caledonia,	18	0	110		5	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	11	573	1125	1698	328	127	71	198	38	50	0	88	66	28	1947	2255	8,613 42
4. Danville,	8	0	30		2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	165	319	484	91	25	14	39	10	9	0	19	18	4	750	847	834 64
5. Lancaster,	5	0	23		1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	90	180	270	64	45	5	50	5	6	0	11	17	4	235	315	368 56
6. Montpelier,	14	0		20	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	425	851	1276	235	81	39	70	19	45	26	90	18	26	1494	1811	1,984 49
7. North Western	14	0		18	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	361	706	1067	164	37	15	52	19	50	1	70	15	16	965	1420	4,089 24
8. Orange,	12	0			3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	291	717	1008	182	63	17	80	24	51	0	75	21	9	989	1372	2,063 21
9. Orleans,	12	0			4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	402	762	1164	212	101	26	127	21	36	0	57	49	33	1681	1892	2,196 52
10. Royalton,	12	0		10	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	388	702	1090	239	38	14	52	26	45	0	71	18	14	986	1344	1,855 58
11. Rutland,	21	0			5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	11	705	1365	2070	353	148	48	196	38	54	3	95	72	26	2041	2759	5,699 98
12. White River,	10	0	61		3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	325	749	1074	140	87	31	118	24	28	5	57	49	14	1097	1392	3,138 28
13. Windham,	22	1	63		4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	565	1189	1754	306	96	53	149	42	53	2	97	53	52	1908	2542	4,060 40
14. Windsor,	17	1	42		4	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	11	228	442	670	147	46	22	68	15	11	0	26	30	10	680	960	1,355 50
15. Windsor,	17	1	56		7	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	8	442	925	1367	194	80	59	139	30	50	8	88	40	20	1535	1920	2,959 88
15	190	30	677	57	81	30	57	1	14	11	3	8	219	5888	11688	17526	2974	1093	466	1559	348	550	41	939	601	287	18516	23811	$43,996 01

Note. There are 190 churches; 82 have pastors, 78 have stated supplies, and 30 are vacant. There are 81 pastors (one being the pastor of two churches), and 80 stated supplies, two churches having two stated supplies each. One pastor is also a stated supply, and one stated supply ministers to the churches which have nominal pastors.

ESSAY BY REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

EVERY CHRISTIAN AN EVANGELIST,

"LET HIM THAT HEARETH SAY, COME."

The command of Christ to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," defines the character and sets forth the mission of the Christian church. By this, as an inspired charter, the church is constituted a missionary institution, bound by a fundamental law, to extend itself—to proselyte—to make disciples of all the nations of the earth. In this respect it differs from the various organizations which men contrive. It is not a close corporation, electing its members. It is not a learned order or society, bestowing the honor of membership only on the most eminent scholars or artists. It is not a joint-stock company, which men enter by purchasing shares of the stock. It is not a mutual benefit association, to furnish certain advantages and privileges to those who choose to become members. Unlike all these it presents itself before the people of every rank, condition and age in society throughout the world, to lay its claim upon them and demand that they become members. It has the right to do this. It has a just claim to the allegiance and service of every human being. And the great work which the Master has laid upon it is to make itself and its claims known among men. "Go ye," he said, "and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." They who go forth to this work, and they who become disciples, and observe all things that Jesus commanded, constitute the Church. And so long as there yet remain on earth nations or individuals not in the kingdom of grace, this command will be in force, and the church will have this work on her hands.

In a general application these truths are everywhere admitted, yet the work goes slowly on; the activity of the church by no means corresponds to the urgency of the case. If we set ourselves to search out the reasons, the one that first comes to view as demanding attention is the failure, on the part of the members of the church, to recognize their personal and individual responsibility in the matter. That which is acknowledged to be the business of the church as the whole, is not felt, as it should be, to be the business of the members in particular. Is not this the great reason why the progress of the church is so slow, and the day of her triumph seems so far off?

Much has been said, with truth, of the power of the Christian pulpit. Among the human agencies for carrying on the work of the church, it may be allowed the first and the foremost place. The preaching of the gospel by an educated ministry can not be dispensed with; nor must it be thrust into a subordinate place. But is it always remembered that the efficiency of the pulpit is in its action upon individual minds? The only successful preaching is that which lays hold of the conscience of the individual hearer, making him understand his personal obligation and responsibility—making him feel the pressure of the claims of religion upon himself—making him see that repentance and faith and Christain work are things which he must himself take in hand, and which can in no way be done for him by another. For it is in this fact of our personal responsibility, by virtue of which we have our own work to do and none can do it for us, that the greatness of the nature that God has given us comes prominently to view. Whatever of important truth there may be in the ideas put forth about the organic unity of families, tribes and nations, the power of the social principle and the development of the generic man of history, there is truth of profounder significance and more far-reaching importance in the fact that God has made human souls directly and individually responsible to himself. "If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself." "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." This individuality of human souls is their grandest prerogative, and the sublime distinction of their nature.

It must, then, ever be the leading aim of the pulpit to bring men to see and acknowledge this. The ministry is not a priesthood to offer sacrifice for the sins of the people. In the Christian Church there is no priest but the everliving One who has passed into the heavens. And surely it is not the business of the ministry to do the religious work of the people. One of the most pestilent of the heresies that have infested the church through all its history, is the tendency among men to make out a vicarious religion. Archbishop Whately specifies this among the errors of Romanism that have their origin in human nature. The desire to serve God by proxy appears in every Christian community, and sometimes in forms dangerously attractive. As men of business employ their lawyer to look after the legal relations and complications of their business, and their physician to care for their health and that of their families, so many would be glad to think that they can put their spiritual affairs into the hands of their clergyman with the confidence that he will manage them skillfully and faithfully, and will see that every thing needful is attended to in due season. It is not alone in the Papal church, nor in those Protestant churches recognizing a priesthood in their ministry, that this disposition is found. There are too many members in all our Congregational churches who seem more than willing that the minister and the few leading and zealous ones among the brethren, should do their work and bear their burdens, and who therefore, unconsciously to themselves it may be, come to look upon these working members as their proxies and substitutes. This is virtual Romanism.

How pernicious a heresy it is, we need not make many words to show. We can not serve God by proxy. It is impossible for one man to do the religious work of another. There is such a thing as vicarious sacrifice, for Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us. But there is no such thing as vicarious religion.

Since, then, every Christian has his own work to do, it is well to understand what that work is. A part of it is of course what each one has to do to secure his own salvation. But this is not the whole—the church has a greater mission than simply to exist and hold its own. Its light must be made to shine brighter and to reach further into the surrounding darkness. The command is still, as of old: enlarge the place of thy tent—stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations—lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. And the membership of the church is the working force by which this is to be done. To this end our Lord hath chosen and ordained us, and this is the fruit that we must bring forth. We are in the church not merely to be saved, but to work for the salvation of those who shall hereafter believe, and for the continuance and enlargement of the church. If all Christians on earth were to rest content with securing their own salvation, and should cease all efforts to bring in those who are without, the church would become extinct with the death of the last one of the present membership.

The hope of its existence and increase in the future is commonly thought to rest mainly upon the ministry as the chosen and appropriate instrumentality. The words of Paul, "It hath pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" are supposed to authorize this confidence. If it be understood that the best and the most that the ministry can do is to instruct the people as to their work,—to persuade, to inspire, and by example to lead them to do it, there is good ground for confidence in this instrumentality. But it is worthy of inquiry whether the apostle meant by preaching, what we commonly understand by the word. We mean by it the delivery of formal, premeditated discourses founded on a text of scripture, and involving the discussion of some topic of theology or of practical religion. Such preaching must of necessity be delegated to a class of men devoted to the business, prepared for it by long and severe training in the schools, set apart to it by solemn rite, and supported by the churches, that they may give to it their entire energies. But is this the only kind of preaching that is needed? Is it the only kind that is recognized in the New Testament? When the persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem after the death of Stephen, they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, *except the apostles*. And "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere *preaching the word*." This must have been lay preaching. The whole body of the laity were engaged in it—the clergy having remained in Jerusalem. The original makes no distinction between this kind of preaching and that of the apostles—the same word being used here as when it is said that the apostles ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus Christ,—the word that Paul used as much as any other, to designate his

own preaching. It is the word from which we have our words "evangelize" and "evangelist." The church of Jerusalem went out every one of them an evangelist, throughout Judea and Samaria. And it would seem by references in the Epistles of Paul, that other churches even though not scattered abroad by persecution, were accustomed to preach in the same way. Writing to the church in Thessalonica, he testifies of their works of faith and labor of love, and adds as an explanation, "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad." A church of which this could be said must have been a church of evangelists, wherein the members recognized the duty resting upon them individually to preach the word in ways and methods accordant with their individual ability and opportunity. Again, writing to the church in Philippi, he says, "It is meet for me to think this of you all because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye are all partakers of my grace." It was his favor to be set for the defense and confirmation of the gospel. And the brethren at Philippi were dear to him because they had a share with him in the privilege and joy of preaching the gospel. They too must have been all of them evangelists. In his letter to the church in Ephesus, the apostle makes a reference to a kind of work of the ministry which is a function of the whole church, and not of church officers only. The passage is obscured in our version by the rendering of different Greek prepositions by the same English word. It occurs in the eleventh and twelfth verses of the fourth chapter: "And he gave some [to be], apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; to *perfect the saints, for the work of the ministry*, for the edifying of the body of Christ." These officers of various designation and function, are the gift of Christ to the church, some of them for special and temporary service, others for regular and permanent duty; but the one purpose to which they all contribute is to instruct and train and perfect the members for the service that belongs to them, and the point of significance in the passage is, that this service is designated by the same word which is uniformly used to express the ministry as the official work of ministers. Must we not understand from this that the building up of the body of Christ is a *ministry* which all Christians have received of the Lord Jesus, as truly as Paul received his from the same source, and that each private member of the church, in his place and according to his measure, has the same obligation laid upon him to fulfill his ministry that Paul had to fulfill his? This is what we mean when we say that every Christian is, by virtue of his Christian faith and experience, an evangelist—not an evangelist in the special official sense of the word—not a missionary to go to some far-off land, but an evangelist, a missionary to do his own work in his own home and neighborhood. And what is there more sacred in the ministry which is the special function of the church officers than in that which falls to the lot of every member of the church? In the building up of the Spiritual Jerusalem each man has his place and his work, and the

order is that every one "build over against his own house." Of course there must be architects to control, and master-builders to lay out the work, and superintendents to direct in the construction. But what cathedral was ever built except by the patient toil of the rude and sturdy workmen who lift each stone into its place, and, with hammer and trowel, fit and cement it there? And why is not the common laborer's work as sacred in its measure and proportion as that of the architect or the master-builder? We speak of the ministry as a sacred calling. What makes it sacred but the end to which it looks, and the power whereby it is wrought? And these are the same whether it be the ministry which Paul charged Archippus to fulfill and Timothy to make full proof of, or the ministry for which apostles and evangelists and pastors and teachers are to train and perfect the whole church. The end is the edifying of the body of Christ. And though "there are differences of ministries"—various kinds of work, "and diversities of operations"—various methods of working, yet "it is the same God which worketh all in all."

And here let us notice what the apostle adds, as if in further explanation of that ministry which is the edifying of the body of Christ,—"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man—unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." The reference here seems to be not to the enlargement of the church by additions from the world, but to the growth of the members in holy character. If there is the appearance of incongruity between this truth and the course of thought in the foregoing pages, it is only an appearance. How is the Christian to grow in grace? How are the qualities and accomplishments of holy character to be acquired? Not otherwise than as knowledge and skill, and power of execution in the sciences and arts are acquired, viz. by exercise and patient practice. A Christian can no more grow up with Christ by merely listening to sermons and lectures and exhortations, than a pupil in art or an apprentice in trade can acquire the art or the trade, by a similar process. The edifying of the body of Christ is by the growth of the individual members in the knowledge and powers and accomplishments which make up a matured and perfected Christian character. And this growth demands, as its indispensable conditions, courses of training and exercise and practice. The life within must go out in various forms of manifestation and activity; faith must show itself in works, and by works be made perfect.

This then is the appointed service of the ministry, as the apostle calls it, for which the saints are to be trained and perfected. In this ministry all have a part, and in fulfilling it every Christian is an evangelist. "I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." "Ye are the light of the world—let your light shine." "Ye are the salt of the earth,—if the salt have lost its savor it is good for nothing." "Go and preach the gospel to every creature." "Ye shall be my witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth." And when the Spirit and the Bride send out the invitation to all who are perishing in the dry and

thirsty land, to come to the fountain of living waters, "let him that heareth say, Come." Let every one who has accepted the invitation, repeat and pass it along. The Christian spirit is in its very idea a missionary spirit. Every follower of Jesus must in his place and measure be an evangelist.

The limits of this essay forbid applications in detail. This one thing however, should not be passed by. The customary demands upon the membership of the churches for sustaining preaching and the ordinances at home, for assisting feeble churches in remote or difficult fields, and for missionary operations abroad, together with the various enterprises of public charity therewith connected, are supposed by many to constitute the whole of Christian duty, and not a few seem to think that they fully discharge their obligations as Christians by their contributions of money to these several objects. It may be questioned whether they who think so really meet their obligations in this single respect—whether they contribute as much as they ought even though this were all that is demanded of them. But it is not all,—charity, as Paul uses the word, demands something besides money. "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." An author of the day well says, "We should compare the Christian Republic with those famous states of antiquity which in their best days required the personal service of every citizen in the field, and only accepted a money equivalent from those who were incapacitated for such service. The Christian state depends for its very existence upon the public spirit of its citizens. He who remembers his citizenship in it only by the taxes he pays, is but one step removed from forgetting it altogether.

"No Christian must content himself with paying others to do Christian work. Every one must contribute of his gifts, not merely of his money. He must be a soldier in the campaign, and not merely pay the war-tax. A Christian church should afford a place for every one who is ready to work. They who meet within the church walls on Sunday, should meet not as strangers in the same lecture-room, but as co-operators in a public work, the object of which all understand, and to his own department of which each man applies his own mind and contriving power."

That special work which has attracted the attention of the churches to some extent within the few years past, known by the name of Home Evangelization, furnishes the field and all the working details for the application of this subject. It is in this home-field within the geographical limits of the parish and in the neglected outlying districts around, among the families who are within the reach of, and need to be brought into connection with the church, that the members, the disciples of the Lord, must go preaching the word. Here is one place where all may work. None need be idle for want of something to do. When the matter is earnestly taken in hand, the duty properly explained and urged, the field examined and the work distributed, then it will be found entirely practicable for every Christian according to the proportion of ability and of faith, to be an

evangelist and to do the work of an evangelist. By a life of single devotion to the service of Christ and his church, by the light of a pure and blameless deportment, by the outgoings of a sympathizing and loving spirit, by kindly words and helpful deeds whenever such are called for, and by wise and judicious measures employed with much prayer and strong faith, and continued through discouragement and in the face of opposition, it is possible for the members of the church working in concert, yet each with the sense and pressure of his personal responsibility, to do a work, and to bring in results, which if they were told us beforehand, we should not dare to believe. In this personal evangelism is the hiding of the moral power of the church. And when the Spirit of God shall make this truth to be seen and felt with the vividness of reality and in the fulness of its far-reaching extent and depth, then that hidden power will be called out; then Zion will put on her strength, and the day of her triumph will not be far off.

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Forty-ninth Anniversary of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held at St. Albans, on Wednesday, A. M., June 19th, 1867.

The Society was called to order by the President, J. W. HICKOK, Esq. After singing, and prayer by Rev. F. Tuxbury, Rev. Messrs. Byington, Hulbert and J. G. Stimson, Esq., were appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Revs. C. S. Smith, H. N. Burton, and E. Mix were appointed to report arrangements for the Semi-Centennial Celebration next year.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. It is as follows:

Balance on hand at date of former settlement,	$3787.35
Receipts during the year,	$9055.41
Total	$12,842.76
Disbursements,	$10,051.60
Balance now on hand,	$2791.16

The Society has also received from Hon. E. B. Chase, of Lyndon, the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars (par value) in Railroad stock, as an addition to its permanent fund, making the whole amount of invested funds now in the hands of the Society, $12,182 35.

An abstract of the report of the Directors was presented by Rev. C. S. Smith, the Secretary, and was followed by addresses by Pres. J. D. Angell, of the University of Vermont, and Pres. H. D. Kitchel, D. D., of Middlebury, also by Rev. C. Cushman, Secretary of the Congregational Union. The Committee on nominations reported as follows:

President—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Vice-Presidents—Hon. E. P. WALTON, Hon. WILLIAM NASH, Hon. WILLIAM C. KITTREDGE.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Recording Secretary—Rev. C. C. TORREY.

Directors—Rev. W. H. LORD, Rev. E. H. BYINGTON, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Rev. JAMES T. FORD, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Rev. H. N. BURTON, Rev. P. H. WHITE, Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Dea. Wm. MILLER, Rev. LEWIS FRANCIS.

Treasurer—C. W. STORRS, Esq.

Auditor—J. A. PAGE, Esq.

The following Resolutions were offered by the gentlemen named, and adopted by the Society:

By Rev. A. Stevens,

Resolved, That this Society should employ county missionaries, who shall have under their charge a number of towns, doing missionary work as the wants of the towns demand.

By Rev. P. H. White,

Resolved, That this Society urgently recommends the organization of Female Cent Societies, auxiliary to this Society, in every parish of the State, whose contributions shall be applied, primarily to the support of county missionaries, and the surplus, if any, to the general objects of the Society.

By Rev. J. T. Hyde,

Resolved, That the Domestic Missionary Society, appreciating the close connection between the erection of suitable houses of worship, and our own work as a missionary organization, recommend that our churches contribute systematically to the American Congregational Union.

The Committee on arrangements for a Semi-Centennial Celebration recommended that Rev. W. H. Lord be requested to deliver a historical discourse, and the Secretary to present as full a report as possible of the religious condition of the towns of the State, in addition to the usual exercises of the Anniversary.

The report was adopted, and the Society adjourned, after singing the doxology.

Attest:

C. C. TORREY.

Recording Secretary.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

As we meet together on this the forty-ninth anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, we would, with gratitude, make mention of the goodness of God in sparing the lives of all the officers and missionaries during another year, and in granting us such abundant encouragement to renewed diligence in our great work.

The past has been a year not only of sowing, but of ingathering also. The sunshine and showers of heavenly grace have fallen lovingly upon us, softening the fallow ground and blessing the springing thereof, so that the whitened fields have yielded golden fruit; and they that went forth weeping, bearing precious seed, have come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them.

The following Tables exhibit the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches, and fields occupied during the year in the Ordinary and Itinerant Departments, with a brief notice of each:

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

	Aided Churches.	Ministers.	Date of Commission	L'th Comm.'s	Aid pledged.	Months labor performed.	Hopful. Conv.	Add. Profess.	Add. Letter	Remov. Dismiss.	Remov. Death.	Remov. Excom.	Resid. Memb.	Male resid. M.	Non-resid. M.	Av. Congregn.	Sabbath-Sch.	Contributions Home Missions.	Contributions Other Objects.
1	Arlington East	Charles Redfield,	May 21, 1866	12	$125 00	12	3	4	4	1	1		38	13	3	100	70	$22 00	$5 12
		W. O. Baldwin,	Dec. 12, 1866																
2	Bellows Falls	M. A. Stevens	June 1, 1866	12	150 00	12	11		6	4	1		37	11	18	100	75	11 00	750 00
3	Berkshire East,	E. W. Hatch	April 1, 1867	12	100 00	2	6	3		2			44	19	2	75	65	15 00	42 00
4	Berlin West—½ time	J. F. Stone	June 1, 1866	12	100 00					3			13	3		75	70	27 25	10 00
5	Bethel	T. H. Johnson	June 1, 1866	12	100 00	12	5	3	2	2	1		36	8	9	75	90	24 00	131 00
6	Braintree,	J. B. Griswold	Mar 1, 1867	12	150 00	12	4	3	1	3	2		37	16	16	62	54	16 00	12 00
7	Bristol,	G. S. Gleason	Jan. 1, 1867	12	150 00	12	28	15	6	2			65	24	4	125	130	12 00	90 00
8	Burke East,	W. R. Joyslin,	April 1, 1867	12	180 00	12	14	16	3	4	3		46	14	15	100	55	16 00	
9	Charleston West	Levi Loring	June 1, 1866	12	175 00	12		1		2			35	11	15	100	100	36 69	171 00
		T. E. Ranney,																	
10	Colchester	E. E. Herrick,	Jan. 1, 1867	12	100 00	12	1	3					61	9	15	65	60	20 00	24 00
11	Glover	S. K. B. Perkins	Aug 14, 1866	12	150 00	12	3	2		2			48	14	15	129	190	34 00	95 00
12	Guildhall	James Laird	Feb. 6, 1866	12	200 00	12	10	4	5	6	2		53	13	41	100	80	32 13	75 88
13	Hubbardton	Calvin Granger	Sept. 1, 1866	12	150 00	12	5	6	2	1	2		21	8	2	60	50	20 00	
14	Hydepark—½ time	J. G. Bailey	Sept. 1, 1866	12	50 00	12	4	1					24	7	1	120	100	22 90	35 00
15	Hydepark North—½ time.	J. G. Bailey	Sept. 1, 1866	12	125 00	12	3		2				25	10	8	60	70	15 20	12 00
16	Island Pond	J. W. H. Baker	May 1, 1866	12	200 00	9	1	2		1			15	5	9	60	60		25 00
		W. Leavitt,																	
		C. Chapman,																	
17	Lowell	A. A. Smith,	Apr. 1, 1866	12	75 00	12	3	9		3			29	17	4	80	100	8 25	13 00
18	Ludlow	H. C. Hazen	Mar. 1, 1867	12	200 00	3	25	17	1	2	2		72	17	13	130	200		76 50
19	Middletown,	Osborne Myrick	Dec. 6, 1866	12	80 00	6		1					31	13	11	75			
20	Morgan—½ time	A. R. Gray,	July 1, 1865	12	50 00	1													
21	Newport	R. V. Hall	Sept. 1, 1865	12	200 00	3		9	5		1		59	27	10	165	120		50 00

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES—Concluded.

	Aided Churches.	Ministers.	Date of Commission	L'th Com. m's	Aid pledged.	Months labor performed.	Hopeful Conv.	Add. Profess.	Add. Letter	Remov. Dismiss.	Remov. Death	Remov. Exco.	Resid. Memb.	Male resid. M.	Non-resid. M.	Congregation	Sabbath-Sch.	Contributions Home Missions.	Contributions Other Objects.
22	North Hero	S. H. Williams	Nov. 18, 1865	12	$150 00	6	1	1			1		7	3		45		$24 65	
23	Pittsfield	Samuel Sparhawk	Apr. 1, 1866	12	100 00	12	7	13			2		68	10	19	80	62	21 00	$40 00
24	Plainfield	C. M. Winch	Nov. 1, 1866	12	200 00	12		5	3				37	10	7	60	100	37 75	
25	Pomfret	W. H. Kingsbury	Dec. 1, 1865	12	100 00	6	9	4		3			35	10	10	95	78	5 00	63 00
26	Post Mills	Charles Scott	Oct. 20, 1865	12	100 00	5	2	4	6	1			40	9	2	130	75	19 00	85 00
27	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent	June 1, 1866	12	200 00	12	1	1		5	1		47	19	18	45	30	13 00	37 33
28	Roxbury	Alden Ladd	Oct. 1, 1866	12	100 00	12	12	6	11				40	11	6	80	75	20 25	50 00
29	Sheldon	G. B. Tolman	June 1, 1866	12	100 00	12							44	17	15	55	58	33 75	211 84
30	Stowe	J. T. Ford	Sept. 1, 1865	12	100 00	3	2	3			2		73	24	12	130	175	15 00	90 00
31	Sudbury	H. F. Rustedt	Sept. 1, 1866	12	200 00	12				1			27	5		60	50	45 27	50 00
32	Troy	J. A. Farrar	Feb. 24, 1866	12	200 00	12	1	1		1			20	5	1	55	46	5 00	
33	Tunbridge	Edwin H. Alden	Oct. 1, 1866	12	200 00	12	2	2	2		1		32	14	11	85	75	22 50	39 50
34	Vershire	Charles Duren	Jan. 1, 1866	12	100 00	7		1		5	1		55	15	10	70	60	25 00	40 00
35	Warren	R. S. Ward	Nov. 1, 1866	12	100 00	7	1									100	50	11 60	
36	Weathersfield Bow	G. H. White	June 1, 1866	12	90 00	12	10	13	4				29	10	5	90	75		289 50
37	Weston	J. W. C. Pike	Dec. 1, 1866	12	200 00	6	4	1			1		80	6	7	80	45	7 00	11 00
38	Wolcott	Horace Herrick	April 1, 1866	12	125 00	12	1	1	2		1		40	17	10	87	60	36 00	5 00
39	Worcester	David Perry	May 1, 1866	12	125 00	12			2		1		42	15	16	70	35	21 00	65 00

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ARLINGTON. Rev. W. O. Baldwin, who has entered upon his work with great earnestness, speaks of the increasing importance of this field. The church has been repaired and a parsonage been purchased, though but partly paid for. The attendance on public worship is on the increase, and the Sabbath School well attended.

2. BELLOWS FALLS. Rev. M. A. Stevens writes: "We feel the loss of our two deacons, who have moved from town within the last six months. From our Sunday School we have lost during the year by removals some over twenty regular attendants. This is discouraging, but still we prosper. Our people are more cheerful givers than they were. I think they are beginning to love to give. We have during the year, by the help of friends from abroad, enlarged and remodeled our church, and it is now a very pleasant and tasteful structure. Very nearly, if not quite, four thousand dollars have been expended on it. A friend in New York city assisted us to the amount of seventeen hundred dollars. In the latter part of winter considerable religious interest was manifested."

3. BERKSHIRE EAST. Previous to the first of April, Rev. E. M. Hatch preached half of the time at Montgomery. He now devotes himself wholly to this church. A parsonage has been built. "Quite a revival interest was enjoyed early in the winter, which resulted in the conversion of a few children belonging to the Sabbath School, beside some others, who, it is hoped, will soon unite with the church."

4. BERLIN WEST. Though this little church has lost during the year in membership, by dismissions, it holds on its way undiscouraged. The church is occupied on alternate Sabbaths by the Methodists, who have, contrary to the usual custom in such circumstances, organized a separate, denominational Sabbath School. "How good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

5. BETHEL. The house of worship has been tastefully re-modeled, and was re-dedicated in October. The missionary writes: "It has been a time of greater religious interest than for many years. Many have been convinced of sin, and a few converted. Our meetings are better attended than ever before, and the Sabbath School is more prosperous. I feel anxious that some of those who have contributed so liberally for the support of the gospel, should enjoy its power."

6. BRAINTREE. The church here has suffered a decrease in membership the past year, from deaths and removals. There is no cause however for discouragement. A hopeful state of religious interest existed during most of the winter, and there were a few conversions.

7. BRISTOL. This church reports an increase of nineteen members the past year. Much work was done in the sub-districts. The gracious influences of the Holy Spirit attended the use of the means of grace. Most of the conversions were among the young. A bell has been purchased, and one hundred dollars raised for a Sabbath School library. The prospects of this church never looked brighter. We hope it will soon be self-sustaining.

8. BURKE EAST. The year commenced with a revival, and a good state of religious interest has continued to the present time. Some repairs have been made upon the church and parsonage, and $500 have been raised to pay off the debt on the parsonage.

9. CHARLESTON WEST. Rev. L. Loring was dismissed from the pastorate of this church early in the year. Rev. T. E. Ranney succeeded him, and continued his labors till the first of June.

We hope that immediate measures will be taken to secure a parsonage, and that a faithful under-shepherd will soon be installed over this flock. A mission Sabbath School was sustained, by the members of the church, in Salem during the summer and fall.

10. COLCHESTER. This church has held on the quiet tenor of its way. Nothing of special interest has been reported.

11. GLOVER. The pastor writes: "Your missionary has been enabled to accomplish more than usual labor the past year. Prayer-meetings have been held in four different neighborhoods, which the brethren have helped sustain. Our Sabbath Schools are in a flourishing condition, and three members have become hopefully pious. The list of subscribers to religious journals has been considerably increased. The amount given for benevolent objects is greater than last year. $400 have been raised for painting and improving our church. I hope the time is not far distant when we may be released from dependence upon the Missionary Society."

12. GUILDHALL. This church is still suffering from the low moral tone which resulted from a long period of destitution. There seems however to be a purpose to reach a higher standard of Christian character, and a putting away those things which have been a hindrance to the peace and power of the church. The pastor writes: "In the early autumn we were favored with a gentle shower of converting grace. Twelve expressed hope. Nearly all are heads of families." Great efforts have been made to build a parsonage, which is nearly completed.

13. HUBBARDTON. This little church has been refreshed by the Saviour's presence. Three heads of families have been added to it during the year, and the hearts of God's people encouraged to pray and labor. Lamps have been procured for the church, and $100 expended in improving the singing.

14. HYDEPARK. This church remains much as last year, Mr. Bailey has continued his labors here half of the time.

15. HYDEPARK NORTH. The gain is certainly very slow in this field, yet we cannot but hope that there is some real advance. There have been a few hopeful conversions, and the church seems to be better established, and more harmonious.

16. ISLAND POND. The pastor—Rev. J. W. H. Baker—was dismissed about the first of October. After which Rev. Wm. Leavitt was employed, but was obliged to leave by reason of sickness in his family. Rev. C. Chapman took his place and continued to supply the church nearly through the year. It is most unfortunate for this church that it has such frequent changes in ministers. There can be no growth under such circumstances.

17. LOWELL. As the result of the religious interest last year, this church came to feel that it could not be denied having preaching all the time, if such a thing were possible. They have finally made an arrangement with their pastor, who has heretofore preached half of the time at Westfield, to live with them and give them his whole labors. They are also moving towards securing a parsonage, which they very much need.

18. LUDLOW. Rev. H. C. Hazen, who commenced his labors in July, writes: "There has been considerable interest through the year, with occasional conversions. A general revival prevailed in town during the winter, with daily meetings through January and February, when the feeling was very deep. The interest still continues, though not so intense or general."

19. MIDDLETOWN. This church was without preaching for some time before Rev. O. Myrick came there. Since then there have been manifest signs of improvement. The parsonage has been repaired at an expense of $500, and the ladies are raising funds to repair the interior of the church.

20. MORGAN. Received assistance only one month of the present year. Rev. A. R. Gray has continued to supply them half of the time.

21. NEWPORT. The population is yearly increasing, and the importance of sustaining a church here undoubted. It is to be hoped that the church will be ready to do their whole duty in contributing to maintain the preaching of the gospel among themselves. Rev. R. V. Hall has resigned the field to some younger laborer.

22. NORTH HERO. The effort to build up a Congregational church in this town has been most unfortunately complicated with a lawsuit to get possession of the ministerial lot. Prejudices were thus awakened and the influence of the pastor limited. The church is very feeble and much discouraged. Since Mr. Williams closed his labors they been without preaching.

23. PITTSFIELD. The observance of the "week of prayer" developed considerable religious interest which continued for some weeks, resulting in several conversions. The hearts of all have been encouraged.

24. PLAINFIELD. Rev. Mr. Winch writes: "One young man—a member of this church—is preparing for the ministry. We have nothing which we term a revival. There is a constant, though gradual, growth of the church. For a year and a half past we have had small additions at almost every communion season. Our singing has been much improved. The Sabbath School is more interested, and considerably increased. The church-meetings are better attended. The congregation on the Sabbath is fuller, more regular and stable. The word preached seems to be better appreciated and more effectual."

25. POMFRET. This church has received aid but a part of the year. Rev. W. H. Kingsbury, who is about to leave this field, reports nine hopeful conversions. He says: "I leave regretfully this people—after nearly four years of labor—assured of their kind feelings, and with devout gratitude to God for the precious tokens that I have not labored in vain."

26. POST MILLS. This church has assumed Mr. Scott's support, and seems to be in a prosperous condition.

27. RIPTON. This little church has exchanged its old house of worship for a new and beautiful one. But the heart of the pastor is burdened by the debt that very unexpectedly they find themselves loaded with. It was an error for them to incur so heavy an obligation—but having done so, the only way is for them, unitedly and cheerfully, to put forth all their ability to discharge it as soon as possible.

28. ROXBURY. This church has been blessed during the year in spiritual things. It has received seventeen new members, and still others are ready to cast in their lot with God's people. A bell, costing four hundred dollars, has been purchased for the church.

29. SHELDON. The people have raised their pastor's salary, and show a strong purpose to continue the means of grace. The congregation is somewhat limited, and the opportunity for expansion is small. One young man, recently converted, is looking forward to the ministry.

30. STOWE. By long continued and faithful labor this church has gradually increased, till, at as early a period as it could safely do so, it has this year assumed the entire expense of maintaining the preaching of the gospel. Its pastor writes, "Since the first of September we have been trying the experiment of self-support. The result encourages the hope that we shall no more be compelled to ask aid from the Domestic Missionary Society. We desire to make grateful record at this time, of the mercy of God to this church, which has sustained it in its weakness, preserved it through trials, and given it increase in the face of great discouragements. We would also thank those who, in the spirit of Christian love, ministered so often to our necessities. We trust that we shall prove in the future that their beneficence was not misapplied."

31. SUDBURY. Rev. H. F. Rustedt is the only minister in town. The church is weak, and surrounded by errorists. We cannot report that

progress we would be glad to. Our only hope is in continuing the means of grace, with humble dependence on God for his blessing on the seed sown.

32. TROY. The changes in population has been very great for several years. At times they have seemed quite strong, by receiving families from other places which were hearty supporters of religious institutions. In a year or two they have been greatly weakened by the removal of the same families. They have lost seriously during the past year, which led to a failure in their attempt to sustain preaching all of the time. Mr. Farrar preaches for them only on alternate Sabbaths.

33. TUNBRIDGE. Mr. Alden writes hopefully of this church. They have been strengthened by the coming to them of worthy members from churches in other towns.

34. VERSHIRE. Rev. C. Duren closed his labors with this church in January, and writes, "This closes my ministry of four years with this church. For the six past years it has been aided by the Missionary Society, and the good results are very evident in some increase of the church, in more regular attendance on public worship, in more generous sentiments in regard to the support of the gospel, and in more liberal and cheerful contributions to benevolent objects. There is no reason why this church should not go on and prosper, and extend its influence in town, except the division of opinion in regard to the location of the house of worship. It is situated where *was* the center of business, but where *now* it is not—in a bleak place—where it is difficult to sustain meetings in winter, and where there is no interest to keep the church in comfortable repair. The different neighborhoods are open to missionary labor, and evident progress has been made. It is sad that the field should be left destitute. But this labor will not be lost—the questions of location will be providentially settled; and again this ancient and once numerous and prosperous church will bless this community."

35. WARREN. Congregational preaching has, in past years, been mostly on the "Hill." There has been for two years past little or no preaching on the "River," where there is an increasing village. Last year the people living on the "River," repaired their church, and manifested a strong desire to have Congregational preaching. They united in giving Rev. R. S. Ward an invitation to supply them for a year. He has a good congregation and Sabbath School, and we hope God's blessing will attend his labors.

36. WEATHERSFIELD BOW. The condition of this church is somewhat anomalous—a portion of it worships at Ascutneyville, and another part at the Bow. The original organization was at the Bow, and that is its *home*. As, however, for the convenience of a part of its members, worship is maintained at Ascutneyville, and those who attend there receive no aid from

the Missionary Society in supporting Mr. Kimball—the statisticsas given, relate only to the part of the church who meet at the Bow. Mr. White writes: "The past year has been one of prosperity. An unusual degree of religious interest has pervaded the community. The Sabbath services and Sabbath School, sewing societies and prayer-meetings have been well sustained. A beautiful bell, costing $400,00, was presented to the church by Mrs. Jarvis. We feel that we have great cause for gratitude to God for the mercies and blessings of the year, and to Him be all the praise."

37. WESTON has been favored by getting a minister. Mr. Pike writes: "There is a general good feeling and interest among the people. The Sabbath School is prospering. A Bible class is held at the parsonage, Friday evenings. The parsonage is being repaired, and some improvements are to be made on the inside of the church."

38. WOLCOTT. There is an increase of manufacturing business in the town, which promises to bring in capital and labor. The missionary writes hopefully in regard to the prospects of the church and congregation.

39. WORCESTER. Nothing of particular interest has been reported from this field. Mr. Perry greatly mourns the absence of the converting power of the Holy Spirit.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

Fields and Missionaries.	Began.	Weeks of Labor.....	Weekly Salary.....	Traveling Expenses.	Amount to be paid. By the People...	Amount to be paid. By the Society..	Amount to be paid. Total	Average Congrega...	No. in Sabbath Sch...
1. ANDOVER.....	.....	...	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	110	63
H. D. Jenkins.....A.	May 12, 1866	11	7 00	5 70	9 00	73 70	82 70		
J. F. Dripps.....P.	May 10, 1867	3	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
2. BRIDGEWATER.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103	35
C. M. Whittelsey.....Au.	May 12, 1866	9	6 00	13 75	33 00	34 75	67 75		
H. A. Cutler.....U.	May 17, 1867	2	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
3. CALAIS EAST.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	40
E. H. Camp.....P.	May 12, 1866	5	7 00	4 80	11 48	28 32	39 80		
4. CAMBRIDGEPORT.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	75
George H. Ide.....A.	Mar. 30, 1867	6	7 00	5 45	47 45	.....	47 45		
5. CHITTENDEN.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	35
S. I. Briant.....U.	May 24, 1866	13	7 00	3 50	79 00	15 50	94 50		
A. G. Ball.....A.	April 12, 1867	4	7 00	9 65	10 00	27 65	37 65		
Edward W. Bacon...N. H.	May 31, 1867	1	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
6. CORINTH CENTER.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	158	50
Azel W. Hazen.....H.	July 28, 1866	7	7 00	2 25	51 25	.....	51 25		
7. DUXBURY.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	40
W. E. Locke.....U.	May 12, 1866	11	7 00	8 20	25 70	59 50	85 20		
James W. Cooper.....A.	Mar. 22, 1867	6	7 00	7 60	24 25	25 35	49 60		
James W. Van Dyke....P.	May 10, 1867	3	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
8. EDEN.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	30
E. J. Ward.....U.	May 2, 1866	4	7 00	6 23	30 00	4 23	34 23		
9. MONTGOMERY.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	30
Charles L. Hubbard....A.	Mar. 23, 1867	6	7 00	12 90	33 45	21 45	54 90		
E. J. Ranslow.....Au.	May 10, 1867	3	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
10. NEWBURY WEST.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	50
Rev. D. Cannell.....	June 1, 1866	52	11 54	.....	400 00	200 00	600 00		
11. PLYMOUTH.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	28
Geo. P. Byington.....U.	May 18, 1866	9	7 00	4 00	6 00	61 00	67 00		
12. ROCKINGHAM.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	40
E. E. P. Abbott.....A.	May 15, 1866	9	7 00	5 00	.....	78 00	78 00		
Joseph C. Plumb.....A.	Mar. 30, 1867	6	7 00	4 90	5 00	41 90	46 90		
Everts Kent.....Au.	May 16, 1866	2	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
13. STOWE WEST.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	30
C. E. Lane.....A.	Mar. 23, 1867	7	7 00	8 45	3 67	53 78	57 45		
E. W. Twichell.....Au.	May 11, 1867	3	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
14. STRATTON.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	50
Joseph Lanman.....A.	June 1, 1866	...	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Henry M. Whitney.....A.	Mar. 29, 1867	6	7 00	8 20	10 00	40 20	50 20		
Geo. L. Dickerman..N. H.	May 25, 1867	1	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
15. TROY NORTH.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	34
L. W. Winslow.....A.	Mar. 21, 1867	6	7 00	9 00	26 00	25 00	51 00		
16. WARREN.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	
E. P. Adams.....Au.	May 17, 1866	13	6 00	11 50	47 00	42 50	89 50		
17. WASHINGTON.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	75
E. E. Lewis.....A.	Aug. 3, 1866	5	7 00	4 00	20 00	19 00	39 00		
18. WATERVILLE.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	155	80
Earl J. Ward.....U.	May 2, 1866	6	7 00	6 23	58 60	.....	48 23		
19. W. FAIRLEE VILLAGE	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	60
James A. Daly.....U.	May 25, 1866	13	7 00	5 90	6 25	90 65	96 90		
20. WEST HAVEN.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
William Swan.....P.	May 3, 1867	4	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		
21. WOODBURY.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	40
Edward H. Camp.....P.	May 12, 1866	7	7 00	4 80	8 28	45 52	53 80		

To the names of the Theological Students the initial letter of the institution with which they were connected is affixed. Thus—A. stands for Andover; Au. for Auburn; H. for Hartford; N. H. for New Haven; P. for Princeton, and U. for Union.

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ANDOVER.—We have no church organization here. But the prevalence of error, and the absence of evangelical influences, indicated the duty of doing something for the spiritual good of the people. The missionary writes, "One lady living here has been led to unite with the church in Chester, on profession of her faith. Several others have been hopefully interested, and ready to converse on personal duties. I shall remember them in my prayers, and hope they may yet stand boldly on the Lord's side.

The Sabbath School numbers about sixty. It has received a library of thirty volumes from the American Tract Society, and has supplied itself with appropriate singing-books.

2. BRIDGEWATER.—This church was much quickened last summer. The labors of Mr. Whittelsey were greatly prized, and resulted in several hopeful conversions. Rev. W. H. Kingsbury, of Pomfret, supplied them a part of the time during the winter.

3. CALAIS EAST.—Mr. E. H. Camp divided his labors last season between this field and Woodbury. This summer the Methodists and Universalists occupy the church every Sabbath.

4. CAMBRIDGEPORT.—A very hopeful state of religious interest appears in connection with the labors of the missionary in this church. The church and society met all the expenses of his salary. They should have a permanent minister.

5. CHITTENDEN is one of those feeble churches that it seems impossible to do anything for, except by itinerant labor. Some seasons this constitutes the only preaching in town. Nothing of special interest is reported this year.

6. CORINTH CENTER,—being unsupplied last summer and having little prospect of getting a minister, Mr. A. W. Hazen was sent to them. His labors were very acceptable. The church and society paid his salary, and contributed $20.00 to the Missionary Society.

7. DUXBURY.—More than usual religious interest has existed in this church through the year, and several have given their hearts to Christ. A member of the church has just entered upon the work of the ministry, having completed his course at the Theological Seminary.

8. EDEN. The church in this town is almost extinct. A few members are left, a part of whom attend meeting at North Hydepark. As the Methodists have preaching in town, it has not been deemed advisable to send a student there this summer.

9. MONTGOMERY.—Rev. S. Paine, who is still the pastor of this church, ministered to them till he was laid aside by ill health.

Rev. E. W. Hatch supplied them half of the time, for a year previous to last spring. Considerable religious interest appeared in all the churches in town, through the winter. They are now supplied by a student. This town would be better off if they had fewer religious societies, and were more united in their religious belief.

15. NEWBURY WEST.—The labors of Rev. Dr. Connell have been confined, since last fall, to this locality, preaching at two or three different stations. A church of twenty-one members was organized in the winter, to which there have since been added—three by profession, and three by letter. A house has been obtained, to be held for the use of the minister.

11. PLYMOUTH.—There was so little disposition on the part of the people—who were abundantly able—to contribute anything for the support of the missionary, that none has been sent there this year. This town has so long had preaching that has cost them almost nothing, that they have come to undervalue it. We are glad to learn that there are some indications of awakening life among them.

12. ROCKINGHAM.—Though there are only two or three professed Christians dwelling here,—and they are females,—yet the attendance on religious meetings has been such as to encourage us to labor on. One of the missionaries writes, "I have made about fifty regular pastoral visits. Lately the people have seemed anxious to talk on this great subject, and their conversation convinces me that many of them were laboring under misapprehension in regard to evangelical religion,—arising, mainly, from want of regular instruction."

13. STOWE WEST.—This field embraces two preaching stations, both lying considerable distance from the village, and only occasionally reached by any evangelical preaching. Mr. Ford has visited them as he has been able. The field is a new one, but evidently calling for some labor.

14. STRATTON.—More than usual religious interest prevails here. The church is small, and live widely scattered. For several years they have been supplied, for a few months in the spring and summer, by itinerant missionaries, whose labors they prize very highly.

15. TROY NORTH.—As a result of a want of harmony and neglect of discipline, this church and society have been without preaching for nearly a year. A student was sent them last spring to open the church and bring the people together for worship, with the hope that they might be brought into a better condition. They have manifested great readiness to attend

meeting on the Sabbath, and we hope the way will be prepared for them to have permanent preaching.

16. WARREN.—The attendance on the "Hill," where Mr. Adams preached, was better than in past years. After he left, Mr. Ladd supplied them once a month, during the fall and winter. At present, there is Congregational preaching every Sabbath on the "River" by Rev. R. S. Ward.

17. WASHINGTON.—Mr. Lewis preached with great acceptance, to this little church, for a few weeks during the fall. There was no other evangelical preaching in town.

18. WATERVILLE.—The attendance was large, and an unusual interest was manifested during the whole time of Mr. Ward's labors. A very earnest desire was expressed to have preaching continually, but insurmountable obstacles have thus far stood in the way.

19. WEST FAIRLEE VILLAGE.—This large and thriving village has been for some time without religious meetings and with no prospect of having any. Though we have no church there, it seemed to be a duty to do something for them. A student was therefore sent there, who preached to a good congregation for a little more than three months.

Efforts were made to supply them with permanent preaching after the missionary left, but they failed, as no suitable man could be found to go there.

20. WEST HAVEN.—No report has been received from the present laborer in the field.

21. WOODBURY.—The missionary preached at South Woodbury, Woodbury Center, and West Woodbury. In the latter place, which has not been visited by laborers before, an interesting field was opened. A Sabbath School was organized, bibles and tracts were distributed, and a few instances of hopeful conversions have taken place.

SUMMARY.

IN THE ORDINARY DEPARTMENT.

Forty-two missionaries have been employed in thirty-nine different churches, performing twenty-nine years of service.

In addition to those fruits which the preaching of the gospel ripens in secret, and which can never be gathered or chronicled, we are permitted to report one hundred and seventy-four hopeful conversions, and an addition to our churches of two hundred and fourteen members—one hundred and fifty-two by profession, and sixty-two by letter. Forty-five have been dismissed and twenty-two have died, leaving a net gain of one hundred and forty-eight members. Six churches have a less number than they had a year ago, viz: W. Berlin, Braintree, W. Charleston, Ripton, Vershire and Sudbury—having lost nineteen by dismission.

REVIVALS.

Most of the churches speak of an increased attendance, during a part of the year, upon religious worship, and a manifest quickening of religious life; while several gratefully record the presence of the Holy Spirit with unusual power.

The churches most signally blessed are those in Bristol, Burke, Guildhall, Ludlow, Pittsfield, Roxbury and Weathersfield Bow. The work in Ludlow is represented as having been one of exceeding interest, producing a state of solemnity through the whole town. The church in Bristol has enjoyed a season of refreshing through the winter and spring. The acting pastor at Weathersfield Bow writes: "Though there has been no marked revival among us, there has been during the entire year a tender interest in the subject of religion, and the membership of the church has doubled."

It is gratifying to notice that three of the churches that have been especially blessed, were, four years ago, regarded as among the feeblest and least promising in the State, viz: those in Burke, Guildhall and Roxbury.—Through the instrumentality of itinerant laborers they were saved from utter extinction, and by God's blessing are now supplied with constant preaching.

The church in Roxbury has this year not only added twelve to its membership by profession, but has gathered within its fold all evangelical Christians in town. The union of the people of God into one body has not been brought about by any outside manipulation, but as the result of a

feeling of duty, and the inward pressure of the Spirit—binding the hearts of all together, and cementing the living stones into one visible building of which Christ is the chief corner-stone. Would that such a result could be brought about in many of our towns, where there are two or three languishing churches of different denominations! It is far better for the cause of Christ, and for any community, to have one living church, of any evangelical denomination, than two or three that have barely strength to breathe, and only prey upon each other.

CHANGES IN CHURCHES AIDED.

Nine churches that were reported as receiving assistance one year ago, are not on our present list, viz: Barnet, Morgan, Morrisville, Newport, No. Hero, Pomfret, Post Mills, Stowe and Vershire. Of this number Vershire and No. Hero are unsupplied—the latter is very weak and much discouraged. The others are endeavoring to sustain preaching without aid. The church in Post Mills, which was assisted but a single year, has been considerably strengthened. So also has the church in Barnet, by the coming to it of several Christian families.

The church in Stowe, which was organized sixty years ago, has never, till the present year, been self-sustaining. For many years it had a precarious existence. It was a feeble band in a community where the mass of the people were strongly opposed to evangelical truth. The importance of sustaining it has never been doubted. Though it has been a work of many years to bring it to the point of self-support, and has cost the churches in the State, from first to last, nearly $5,000, yet who that knows it now—with its commodious house of worship, its pleasant parsonnge, its happy band of praying members, and the position which it holds in the town and county—will for a moment question the wisdom of the outlay? It is but just to say that its steady growth for the past ten years, together with its present influence, is, under God, largely due to the fidelity and earnest labors of its present pastor, who has declined calls where he could have received more than double the salary he has had, because he believed that it was the Master's will that he should not forsake that little flock.

With gratitude we strike the name of this church from our catalogue of beneficiaries, and hope in the future to insert it only among those of the liberal contributors to our treasury. As it has freely received, so may it freely give!

Five churches have been added to the list of those aided, during the year, viz: Ludlow, Middletown, Warren, Weston and East Berkshire. There are several others that doubtless will apply for help as soon as they can supply themselves with permanent preaching.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The missionary churches have shared with the other churches in the State in the ministerial changes which have distinguished the past year. Two pastors have been dismissed, viz: Rev. Levi Loring from West

Charleston, and Rev. J. W. H. Baker from Island Pond. The church in Charleston has been supplied most of the year by Rev. T. E. Ranney, who has just closed his labors there and gone to preach in Holland. Rev. Wm. Leavitt and Rev. C. Chapman supplied the people at Island Pond after the dismission of Mr. Baker, but the church is again destitute.

Rev. R. V. Hall, several months after the close of his missionary year, resigned his work in Newport, where he has labored for twelve years, and been permitted to see the church greatly strengthened. He is now supplying at W. Charleston.

Rev. C. Duren closed his labors in Vershire in January,, and Rev. S. H. Williams in North Hero in November. Rev. C. Redfield was followed at East Arlington by Rev. W. O. Baldwin. Rev. H. C. Hazen commenced preaching in Ludlow in July last, and expects soon to leave the home for the foreign missionary work in India.

The church in Weston secured last December the services of Rev. J. W. C. Pike; and at Middletown, after a season of destitution, they are favored with the labors of Rev. O. Myrick. Rev. A. A. Smith, who divided his efforts last year between Lowell and Westfield, now preaches all the time at Lowell. The church in So. Troy has been so weakened by removals that it is unable to retain the services of Rev. J. Farrar but half of the time. In Warren, for the first time for many years, a Congregational minister is employed for a year.

MORE MINISTERS NEEDED.

There are several feeble churches without ministers, and it is a serious question how they are to be supplied. Some of them are unable, with what aid they can get from the Missionary Society, to meet the necessary expense of supporting a minister. In addition to this, there are not men enough in the State to supply all the churches. And while so many of the abler churches are looking in vain for pastors, the prospect looks dark for the weaker and less attractive parishes. The united church needs to raise its voice of supplication, from a sense of its deep need, to the Lord of the harvest, to send forth more laborers into the harvest!

With pleasure we record the fact that one of our missionary churches, which has been kept alive for many years by itinerant labor, sends this year one of her sons, who has just completed his theological course, into the ministry to supply one of the churches in the State.

Two other missionary churches have sons in theological seminaries, while three other young men, the fruit of our missionary labor, are in a course of preparation for the sacred office.

CHURCH BUILDING.

Improvements have been made in temporal things in several parishes. The society in Ripton, by a hard struggle, has erected a beautiful house of worship, but has thereby involved itself considerably in debt. We com-

mend it to the generous regard of those persons blessed with an abundance, who are willing to help bear the burdens of the weak, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

The societies in Bethel and Bellows Falls have thoroughly remodeled their churches. Repairs have been made, to some extent, upon churches and parsonages in several parishes.

OUT DISTRICTS.

A noticeable feature in the reports of the missionaries the past year is, that more labor than usual has been expended in *out districts*, and almost invariably with hopeful results.

One pastor writes: "I believe my time has never been so entirely occupied as during the past winter. We have weekly meetings in the remote parts of the town, which are well attended. I have never seen the members of my church so much awake."

Another says: "At the present time the meetings held in the distant neighborhoods have a more hopeful aspect than those at the Center. In these places the audiences are more promiscuous, yet there are signs of the Spirit's presence indicated by numbers, attention and a peculiar stillness."

Another writes: "I have preached in three different out stations this winter. In all of them there has been good attendance, and some inquirers. In one there have been six or eight hopeful conversions, and many others interested. My out station work has seemed to be most successful." Testimony of a like character might be furnished from several others. Though considerable additional care and labor is thus thrown upon a minister, yet, in most of our country parishes, such effort is believed to be necessary for the highest success of the churches.

Formerly it was almost universally the case that religious meetings were held in the several school districts. In that way the religious influence of the church penetrated to the remote parts of the town, and our parishes extended over a wider area than is generally the case now. It is a sad fact that our churches are, for the most part, inclosed within very narrow territorial limits, while they are belted around by a wide and indefinite tract, where the inhabitants live in great disregard of religion.

These places are nurseries of error—seed-plots of prejudice, infidelity, and ungodliness, from which perennially come back upon our churches influences which threaten to overrun and destroy them. In this way many of them are being weakened.

Now some vigorous aggressive effort is needed to carry the gospel into these places—effort not only on the part of the ministry, but on the part of the church collectively and individually. It is needed by the churches to save them from being smothered by this pressure from without, and so as to increase their vital energy, and give them confidence in the all-conquer-

ing power of truth. It is needed as furnishing the only practicable means of redeeming these moral wastes, and of making them to bud and blossom as the rose.

The amount of our home missionary work has been greatly increased by this fatal lethargy which has crept over our churches in regard to all those who are outside the narrow circle which incloses their own numbers and congregations.

Every church that makes an earnest and persevering effort to evangelize the regions around it, will not only increase in manly vigor, but will, in that way, make a valuable contribution to the home missionary cause.

We hail, therefore, as a hopeful indication, this renewal of effort on the part of some of our missionary churches to penetrate the outlying districts with Christian effort. We bid them God-speed in this important work, and hope all our churches will go and do likewise.

IN THE ITINERANT DEPARTMENT,

Thirty-two laborers have been employed in twenty-one different fields. The reports from nearly all of these have been unusually encouraging. The attendance upon the Sabbath services, and upon the Sabbath Schools, has been larger than for some years. Special religious interest manifested itself in nine fields, and twenty-three hopeful conversions were reported.

At W. Newbury, where Rev. D. Connell has been laboring for eighteen months past, a Congregational church has been organized by a Council from the neighboring churches. The churches in Bridgewater, Duxbury, Stratton and Waterville have received some additions as the fruit of itinerant labor. In Waterville, where the church is weak in every respect but in the prayers of its female members, a strong desire is felt to have regular preaching through the year, for a part or the whole of the time, but insurmountable difficulties have thus far disappointed their hopes.

Last spring students were sent to the churches in Cambridgeport and Montgomery, where considerable religious interest existed, but there was no reaper to thrust in the sickle.

Laborers have been employed in the following places where there are no Congregational churches, viz: Rockingham, Andover, W. Fairlee Village, Calais, Woodbury and W. Stowe. In the latter place, under the shadow of Mount Mansfield, there are quite a number of families not accomodated at any existing house of worship, to which Mr. Ford has ministered as he could find time. There are many such places in nearly every county in the State, which should receive more attention from us.

COUNTY MISSIONARIES.

Our itinerant work, as now conducted, excellent and indispensable as it is, is not all that it might and should be.

It is mostly performed by theological students, on short terms of service. It is wholly confined to spring, summer and early autumn. It is not con-

tinuous throughout the year. It covers but a small part of the ground which should be reached. Some systematic plan should be adopted by which every feeble church in the State should be visited by some missionary, and have preaching a portion of each year, and by which every waste place should receive some religious culture.

What is exceedingly needed in several of our counties, is, that some earnest man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, should be on the ground through the year, and give his whole time to the work in his county—not to the exclusion of the labor of the students, but in addition to it, and so as to gather in the fruit of their toils. He should thoroughly explore the whole county—all of its back districts and out-of-the-way places—stir up the churches to look after the destitutions within their reach, and labor himself, after carefully surveying his field, in such places as most need his presence.

It is *wrong* for us to allow a single feeble church in Vermont to remain a whole year, without any manifestation of interest in them on our part, without even carrying to them a cup of cold water in the name of Christ.

And yet we do this. We take no measures to send or carry them our Christian salutations, to assure them of our hearty sympathy and our readiness to aid them, and to stir them up to rise above their discouragements, and seek to strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die.

Besides these churches, there are large districts, not readily accommodated by any existing place of Christian assembly, where the people live in total neglect of the claims of God.

How can we justify ourselves to our Master, who has made it the great duty of our lives to seek first the things that pertain to His kingdom, and to preach the gospel to every creature, if we selfishly and indolently sit down, to enjoy our own religious privileges, without lifting a hand to carry these blessings to those who hear them not, and have no just conception of their transcendent worth? Our Saviour came to seek and to save that which was lost. Are we excused from being followers of Him in this service?

Something might be done if the several churches in each county would say to their pastors, "Go and spend two or three Sabbaths each year in repairing these wastes and in conveying the assurance of our sympathy and fellowship to our feeble and destitute sister churches."

But, judging from the past, little is to be expected in this way. Ministers have all they can do at home, and the churches set such a high value upon their services that they are unwilling to part with them even for a Sabbath or two.

The only practicable way to meet the religious necessities of our towns seems to be to employ, through the year, *County Itinerant Missionaries*. One should be immediately set at work in Windham County to labor in Stratton, and Jamaica, and Dover, and Winhall, and indeed in nearly half of the towns in that county. There is more work that needs to be done

there than any two men could accomplish. As the result of such labor we should expect to see Jamaica and several other churches brought up so as to demand, and have ministers of their own.

Another such laborer is needed in Windsor county, to repair the desolations in Plymouth, and Barnard, and Andover, and Bridgewater, and West Windsor. Another should go to Orange county and make his voice heard in West Fairlee village, in Washington, Orange and East Topsham. Another should divide his time between Washington and Lamoille counties. And unless the feeble churches in Orleans county can soon supply themselves with ministers, one will be needed there.

It might not be possible, probably would not be, to find men to enter this work in all the counties where they are needed, but it is our settled judgment that a *beginning* should be made, as soon as possible, in the most needy places, and that the work should be extended as wisdom and experience shall dictate.

The experiment has been tried in Massachusetts with gratifying success. In Hampden county they have followed it up for about three years. Those who have had it in charge there say, "We wish publicly to testify that God has gone before us and prepared the way, and crowned the effort with good success. Many souls have been turned to the Lord, feeble churches have been strengthened, and pastors whose hearts began to wax faint were comforted and encouraged. Nearly all of the dark and neglected spots in the county have been visited. The work still continues and receives the cordial approbation of all the ministers and churches in Hampden county."

This testimony is valuable as showing that the work is practicable, and has stood the test of actual trial.

In whatever county the effort is made, it should be endorsed by, and receive the moral and material support of, the ministers and churches in the county.

As the work would necessarily be attended with considerable expense, and the present receipts of the Society would be insufficient to meet it, the question naturally arises, how can the needful funds be secured?

In reply to this we would say, first, that as much as possible should be obtained from the people who are favored with the labors of the missionary. Doubtless in some places the amount thus gained would be at first very small. Still, as much as possible should be collected from this source. Practically, it is of but little use to preach the gospel long to a people with no expense to them. A free gospel—free, in the sense of costing the hearers nothing, is undervalued and despised. To have a community profit by preaching, they must make some sacrifice to obtain it. Christ is more readily admitted to the throne of the heart when the purse has been made to pay Him tribute.

In addition to what could be raised in this way, we should hope that, in every county, some benevolent persons would be willing to pledge certain sums yearly to meet the necessary expenses. What has been done by

some individuals in the State for several years past, shows what might be accomplished if others would do likewise.

What is most desirable is, that by some means the regular yearly receipts of the Society may be so increased as not to make the work wholly or mainly dependent on large donations from wealthy individuals.

Our churches could, most of them, double their contributions if they chose. While we hope for a gain from them, yet we are not sanguine of any sudden and great increase of funds in this way. The power of habit is so strong that it is no easy matter to persuade those who have always given a piece of scrip, to substitute a dollar bill in its place, or to give two dollars when all their past experience inclines them to make it one.

It is believed that the necessary funds, beyond what can be gained from the fields occupied, and from the offerings of benevolent individuals, may be obtained by a very simple expedient, if the plan proposed should meet with general acceptance and be entered upon heartily.

In the neighboring State of New Hampshire the Christian females have taken it upon themselves to do most efficient service, in providing funds for their missionary society by

CENT SOCIETIES.

The women in connection with all the churches form associations, pledging themselves to pay one cent a week each year for home missions. Collectors are appointed by themselves, who keep in a book the names of all contributors, and at a certain season of the year receive their offerings.

With most commendable zeal and perseverance they have followed up this plan for sixty-two years. Their annual offerings have steadily increased from $5.00—this amount given by them in 1805—to $2,325.59, the sum contributed last year. In this way they have raised since their origin, $65,843,00, and now yearly pay about two-fifths of all that is given to the New Hampshire Missionary Society. Surely this is a result worthy of the noble Christian women of that State. But are not the women of Vermont as able, as willing to labor to uphold the cross of Christ here, as their sisters are on the other side of the river? Are their churches any more dear to them—their sympathies any stronger for the needy and destitute? Are they any more willing to practice self-denial for the Master, and devise liberal things, than is the case with the women of the Green Mountain State? We do not believe it. We believe that this enterprise has only to be brought home to the intelligent judgment and large hearts of our women, to have them vie with those of the Granite State, in their zeal and labor of love, to build up our churches and reclaim the old wastes.

We have 11,524 female members in our churches. If each of them should contribute one cent a week each year, it would give the noble sum of $5,992,48.

In 1859 several cent societies were formed in this State, some of which are still doing a good work. What they are doing can be done in every town in the State.

We ask the attention of the friends of missions to this enterprise. We ask the ministers to give it their hearty endorsement. And above all, we ask the Chhristian women, in every church in the State, to put their hands to it and resolve that they will make it a success, and carry it forward, with a zeal which nothing can cool. In this way our regular receipts may, in a few years, be greatly increased, and county missionaries be employed wherever they are needed.

While we strive to increase the efficiency of our work in the State, we should remember that our duty is not limited to our green hills and pleasant valleys, but that God calls upon us to do what lies in our power to meet the ever-increasing wants of the West and South.

We are auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, and wish to be fellow-helpers in the blessed work of making the name of Jesus fragrant to the remotest extremities of the land. We have during the past year sent $1500.00 to the Parent Society. But what is that small sum for such a mighty work? Shall we not increase it many fold, and be able to report next year, as we come up to our semi-centennial anniversary, that we have obtained a more just appreciation of our great work, and have, with more liberal hands, brought of our gifts and cast them into the treasury of the Lord?

TREASURY.

The whole amount received into the Treasury, including the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, is $12,842.79, besides twenty-two shares of preferred railroad stock in the Passumpsic River Railroad; the par value of which is $2,200.00.

There was received from demands $1179.82; from legacies $600; from collections and donations $7275.59.

In behalf of the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary*.

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

For the Year Ending June 17, 1867.

	From Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRISTOL—Church and society, Feb. 14, $10.00; June 6, $2.00	$12 00	$	$
CORNWALL—Church and society, to constitute Dea. C. Jones, Mrs. Dea. Jones, H. Lane, Samuel Everts, and Mrs. R. A. G. Warner life-members	104 31		
FERRISBURGH—Mrs. Carpenter, Feb. 14	5 00		
MIDDLEBURY—Church and society, Aug. 17, $50.00; Aug. 23, $74.15	124 15		
ORWELL—Church and society, Nov. 13	27 74		
RIPTON—Church and society, Sept. 20	13 00		
SHOREHAM—Church and society, Feb. 5	42 00		
VERGENNES—Nov. 19, B. F. G., to constitute Mrs. H. A. P. Torrey a life-member.	20 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST—Church and society, June 6	22 00		
BENNINGTON CENTER—Church and society, October	74 00		
BENNINGTON—2d church and society, May 21	27 36		
DORSET—Church and society	50 55		
RUPERT—Church and society, October 25	30 00		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET—Church and society, Nov. 13, $15.00; May 13, $50.00; June 6, $10.00; Rev. J. Underwood, Nov. 13, $10.00	85 00		
BURKE EAST—Church and society, May 31	16 00		
DANVILLE—Church and society, May 30, $10.; Rev. J. Eastman, $10.	20 00		
HARDWICK—Church and society, April 15, $25.54; Mrs. Field, May 1, 1.00	26 54		
LYNDON—Church and society, March 8, $15.00; April 10, 16.45	31 45		
McINDOE'S FALLS—Church and society, May 13	12 78		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 4, $42.01; Oct. 6, $52.36; March 7, $96.21	190 58		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and society, Aug. 18, $27.00; Oct. 6, $50.00; Dec. 18, $21.89; Dec. 14, 50.00	185 07		
ST. JOHNSBURY—April 29, Horace Fairbanks, $250.00; March 19, E. and T. Fairbanks & Co., $1000.00	1000.	250 00	
WATERFORD—Church and society, June 22, $8.50; June 15, $14.00	22 50		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON—1st church and society, June 20, $56.45; June 24, $5.00; June 29, $97.17; June 15, $201.10; May 15, J. W. Hickok, $100.00	359 72	100 00	
BURLINGTON—3d church and society, July 9, $126.85; Jan. 9, $32.16; July 9, Mrs. E. W. Buell, $100.00	259 01		
COLCHESTER—Church and society, June 8	20 00		
MILTON FALLS—Church and society, March 2, $13.25; March 8, 50 cts.	13 75		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
UNDERHILL—Church and society, April 25, $15.; Female Cent Society, $8.00	23 00	$	$
WESTFORD—Sept. 12, Mrs. T. Chase,	2 00		
WILLISTON—Church and society, June 14	21 95		
WINOOSKI—Church and society, June 6, to constitute Rev. L. H. Elliot a life-member	28 50		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
GUILDHALL—Church and society, Aug. 7, $8.57; Nov. 8, $8.53; Feb. 6, $7.39; June 6, $7.64	32 13		
LUNENBURGH—Church and society, June 21	12 67		
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
NORTH HERO—Church and society, Nov. 23	24 65		
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
BAKERSFIELD—Church and society, March 12, $18.55; March 15, $2.50; Oct. 10, Sabbath School, $10.00.	31 05		
BERKSHIRE EAST—May 16	15 00		
ENOSBURGH—Church and society, May 29.	42 00		
FAIRFAX—Maria L. Southard	1 00		
FAIRFIELD—Church and society, April 24	12 00		
FRANKLIN—Church and society, March 11	11 00		
GEORGIA—Oct. 11, Mrs. E. T. Farr	5 00		
HIGHGATE—Church and society, Feb. 3, $9.25; May 10, $3.00	12 25		
MONTGOMERY—May 1, Rev. S. Paine, $1.00; May 8, church and society, $23.45	1 00		23 45
ST. ALBANS—July 4, Hon. W. C. Smith.		50 00	
" " April 12, Female Cent Society, $15.00; ladies, $5.00	20 00		
SHELDON—Church and society, Jan. 24, $22.25; May 30, $11.50	33 75		
SWANTON—Nov. 28, Female Cent Society, $15.00; Feb. 28, a friend, $5.00; April 2, church and society, $42.00.	62 00		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
EDEN—Church and society, Aug. 14.			30 00
HYDEPARK—Church and society, May 29, to constitute Mrs. Cobleigh a life-member	22 99		
HYDEPARK NORTH—Church and society, May 29, $13.00; June 15, $2.20..	15 20		
MORRISVILLE—Church and society, April 15	25 60		
STOWE—Church and society, April 25	15 00		
STOWE WEST—May 10.			3 67
WATERVILLE—Church and society, Aug. 14, $54.85; Sept. 11, $3.75; March, a friend, $5.00		5 00	58 60
WOLCOTT—Church and society, Nov. 6, $15.00; June 6, $21.00.	36 00		
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRAINTREE—Church and society, June 11	16 00		
CORINTH—Church and society, Sept. 12		20 00	
CORINTH EAST—Church and society, Aug. 14		7 50	
FAIRLEE, West Village—Aug. 28.			6 25
NEWBURY—June 20, Mrs. Atkinson, $1.00; Nov. 15, church and society, $60.00; June 6, 54.00	115 00		
NEWBURY WEST—Church and society, Aug. 14, $10.00; June 4, $14.50		24 50	400 00
POST MILLS—Church and society, Nov. 26.	19 00		
RANDOLPH CENTER—Church and society, Aug. 1, $11.; Oct. 11, $1.	12 00		
RANDOLPH WEST—Church and society, Aug. 16	22 00		
STRAFFORD—Church and society, Dec. 18, to constitute Rev. A. Chandler a life-member	27 75		
THETFORD—Church and society, Feb. 2, $39.46; Aug. 14, M. C., $22.64 Oct. 9, J. S. Lord, $5.00	67 10		
TUNBRIDGE—Church and society, Oct. 10	22 50		
VERSHIRE—Church and society, June 20, $20.70; Nov. 13, $4.30	25 00		
WASHINGTON—Church and society, Sept. 4			20 00
WELLS RIVER—Church and society, Oct. 25, to constitute Miss Martha J. Tenney a life-member	10 25		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
WILLIAMSTOWN—Church and society, June 12	10 25		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
BROWNINGTON—Church and society, June 20	8 00		
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and society, June 1, $27.00; Female Cent Society, $9.69	36 69		
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, May 9.	24 00		
COVENTRY—Church and society, June 20, $17.; Aug. 16, $4.; June 20, Female Cent Society, $5.	26 00		
GLOVER—Church and society, June 28, $1.; May 25, $20.; June 1, $14., to constitute Rev. S. K. B. Perkins a life-member.	35 00		
GREENSBORO—Church and society, April 14, $20.; May 15, $18.	38 00		
HOLLAND—Church and society, June 16.	6 09		
LOWELL—Church and society, July 18	8 25		
TROY—Church and society, June 20	5 00		
TROY NORTH—Church and society, May 3	20 00		25 00
WESTFIELD—Church and society, Nov. 23.			
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
CASTLETON—Church and society, Nov. 19, to constitute Rev. Lewis Francis, Dea. W. C. Gurnsey, Hon. C. M. Willard, B. F. Adams and C. Langdon life-members.	120 00		
CHITTENDEN—Church and society, Sept. 6, $79.; May 14, $10.			89 00
CLARENDON—Church and society, Oct. 25, to constitute Marion E. Steward and Mrs. Joseph Fuller life-members.	45 50		
FAIRHAVEN—Church and society, Oct. 16, $15.; July 4, Hon. W. C. Kittridge, $50.	15 00	50 00	
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, Jan. 11, $20.; Nov. 20, L. Long, $1.	21 00		
PITTSFORD—Church and society, Dec. 22, to constitute Rev. Myron A. Munson a Life-Director of the A. H. M. S., $103.; Feb. 5, Miss C. Bogue, $2.	105 00		
POULTNEY EAST—Church and society, Dec. 14.	14 50		
RUTLAND WEST—Church and society, May 2	73 00		
SUDBURY—Church and society, May 30	45 27		
WALLINGFORD—Church and society, $100.47, of which from Rev. A. Walker to constitute Mrs. Ann Batchelder a life-member, $25.00.	100 47		
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE—Church and society, Dec. 3, $33.88; Sept. 26, Sabbath School, $10.75	44 63		
BERLIN—Church and society, Jan. 5	7 00		
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, Feb. 12, to constitute Dea. D. Chandler and J. H. Kimball life-members	27 25		
CABOT—Church and society, May 23	35 00		
CALAIS—Aug. 29, $11.48; March 29, Israel Dwinell, $10.		10 00	11 45
DUXBURY—Church and society, Aug. 14, $25.70; May 2, $24.25			49 95
MONTPELIER—Church and society, June 17, to constitute Miss Maria Reed and Miss Charlie Merrill life-members	177 56	15 00	
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, June 12, $11.82; Dec. 12, $9.38; March 6, $12.24; June 4, $12.06, to constitute Dea. Wm. Winch a life-member	45 47		
PLAINFIELD—Church and society, Oct. 25, $17.75; June 6, $20.00.	37 75		
ROXBURY—Church and society, April 3	20 25		
WARREN—Church and society, Aug. 27, $47.; April 3, $11.		11 00	47 00
WAITSFIELD—June 25, Linus Barnard	3 00		
WATERBURY—Church and society, Feb. 26, $43.; a friend, $1.	44 00		
" J. G. Stimson, June 8		50 00	
WOODBURY—Aug. 29, $8.28; Feb. $1.50			9 78
WORCESTER—Church and society, April 2.	21 10		
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
BETHEL—Church and society, May 9, $19.; Sept. 11, Rev. T. H. Johnson, $5.	24 00		
BRIDGEWATER—Church and society, July 23			33 00
CHESTER—Church and society, June 20.	15 00		
HARTFORD—Church and society, Nov. 12	42 00		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Missionary Department.	From the Year and Fields.
HARTFORD WEST—Church and society, Dec. 25	10 00		
HARTLAND—Church and society, Aug. 27,	12 00		
NORWICH—Church and society, Aug. 28	35 27		
PLYMOUTH—Aug. 7			6 00
POMFRET—Church and society, Aug. 5	5 00		
SIMONSVILLE—Aug. 14			9 00
WESTON—Church and society, March 6	7 00		
WEATHERSFIELD CENTER—Church and society, Aug. 14	6 20		
WINDSOR—Church and society, June 2, to constitute G. L. Bates, Mrs. A. T. Field and Miss E. E. Damon life-members of A. H. M. S., $93.53; "widow's mite," $0.50	94 03		
WOODSTOCK—Church and society, June 24, $67.08; March 5, Female Cent Society, $15.30	72 38		
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE—July 23, $2.30; Jan. 2, $1.77.	4 07		
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BELLOWS FALLS—Church and society, March 13	11 00		
BRATTLEBORO EAST—Church and society, Aug. 18, $185.24; April 2, Sabbath School, $10.00	195 24		
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Sept. 17	47 25		
CAMBRIDGEPORT—Church and society, May 8			47 45
FAYETTEVILLE—Church and society, Aug. 18.	10 09		
PUTNEY—Church and society, June 10	7 40		
ROCKINGHAM—May 10			5 00
STRATTON—Church and society, Aug. 28, $13.10; May 9, $10.00.			23 10
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and society, June 20, $26.50; Female Cent Society, $11.55	38 05		
WESTMINSTER EAST—Church and society, Aug. 18.	9 10		
WINDHAM—Church and society, June 20, $12.00; June 15, $25.50.	37 50		
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
June 20, Collection at Annual Meeting at Newbury.	33 24		
July 31, Interest on U. S. Bonds	72 00		
July 31, Interest on Vt. Bonds	45 00		
Aug. 8, Interest on Passumpsic R. R. Bonds.	42 60		
Aug. 15, On Coupons	69 60		
Sept. 24, On W. M. Olvord's Note	49 00		
Oct. 9, Balance of T. Phelps' Note	113 13		
Oct. 17, On W. W. Storr's Note	340 00		
Nov. 29, Avails of uncurrent bill by Rev. J. S. True.	1 20		
Dec. 12, Interest on J. Bowdish's Note	9 00		
Feb. 5, U. S. Coupons	36 50		
Feb. 5, On W. W. Storr's Note.	75 00		
Feb. 5, Interest on Vt. Bonds	45 00		
Feb. 6, R. R. Coupons, less Goverment tax	42 60		
May 12, 22 shares of preferred stock of Connecticut & Passumpsic River R. R. Stock, by Gen. E. B. Chase, of Lyndon, of the par value of $2200.00	2200.		
April 29, Legacy of Dea. Thomas Wilbur, late of Randolph	100 00		
April 2, Estate of the Hon. Erastus Fairbanks.		500 00	
May 6, On C. G. Alger's Note	84 00		
June 4, Exchange of demands by J. G. Stimson	172 19		
A box of clothing was received from the ladies in Brattleboro			

☞ The moneys paid to the Secretary, at the Annual Meeting at St. Albans, came too late to be embraced in the above Receipts, as the account, for the year, was closed on the 17th of June. They will appear in the next annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. STORRS, TREASURER,

In account with Vermont Domestic Missionary Society,

	Dr.	
To Balance in Treasury, as by last Annual Report	$3787 35	
To received from collections and donations	7275 59	
To received from Demands	1179 82	
To received from Legacies	600 00	
		$12,842 76
	Cr.	
By paid Orders of Secretary	$6806 54	
By paid American Home Missionary Society	1500 00	
By paid Annual Reports and Blanks	199 75	
By paid for Mortgage	200 00	
By paid for Treasury Note	107 22	
By paid Salary of Secretary	1000 00	
By paid Stationery, Postage and Expressage	38 09	
By paid Expenses	200 00	
Balance in Treasury	2791 16	
		$12,842 76

Montpelier, June 17, 1867.

As the Treasurer is at the West, his signature could not be obtained. The account was submitted to the Auditor, who makes the following statements:

MONTPELIER, June 17, 1867.

I certify that I have this day examined the accounts of C. W. Storrs, Treasurer, with the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, from June 18, 1866, to this date, and find him charged with balance in his hands, at date of former settlement, of $3787 35

And with receipts during the year, of 9055 41

Making a total sum of $12,842 76

I find he has disbursed during the year, 10,051 60

Leaving a balance in his hands to be accounted for, of 2791 16

For the disbursements charged, proper vouchers were presented, and the accounts are correctly cast.

I find he has received, during the year, in addition to the sums above named, a donation from Hon. E. B. Chase, of Lyndon, of 22 shares of the preferred stock of the Conn. and Pass. Rivers R. R. Company, of the par value of $2,200,00, to be held as a permanent investment, the income alone to be used.

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

Acknowledged in the Home Missionary,

As received by the American Home Missionary Society during the year ending June 1, 1867, *without passing through our Treasury.*

Aug.	BERLIN—Mrs. E. H. Evans,	$20 00
"	CLARENDON—Mrs. Polly Ewing,	20 00
"	ST. JOHNSBURY—Rev. H. C. Hayden,	10 95
Sept.	GRAFTON—	18 00
"	SPRINGFIELD—A. W——	200 00
Oct.	ASCUTNEYVILLE—Ladies' Benevolent Society,	21 25
"	BURLINGTON—Luther Clark,	10 00
Nov.	ASCUTNEYVILLE—Rev. S. S. Arnold,	5 00
"	CASTLETON—Harvey Griswold,	100 00
Dec.	ST. ALBANS,	5 00
"	SHOREHAM—Miss Isabella G. Birchard,	5 00
"	SWANTON,	9 00
"	WELLS RIVER,	30 00
Feb.	BRATTLEBORO—A. Van Doarn,	2 75
"	SPRINGFIELD—Ladies' Benevolent Society,	3 00
March	FAIRFAX—T. Morse,	6 00
"	HARDWICK—Three Friends,	4 00
"	SWANTON—Mrs. Amos Skeels,	10 00
"	W. CHARLESTON,	2 00
April	WORCESTER—A friend,	2 00
May	BENSON—H.,	2 00
"	PEACHAM—Church and society, $70.25 : a friend, $65.00,	135 25
"	SPRINGFIELD—A Friend,	10 00
"	W. RUTLAND—A. BOARDMAN,	1 00
		$614 20

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M W Birchard, *Detroit, Mich.*
Mrs Cyrus Birge *Washington, D. C.*
Mrs Henry Blake, *Lee, Mass.*
Rev Constantine Blodgett, *Pawtucket, R I*
Rev S W Boardman, *Auburn, N Y*
Rev Elijah H Bonney
Mrs F Boutelle, *Fitchburgh, Mass.*
Mrs Rebecca Brewster
Rev B Brown
Rev George Butterfield

Mr C Button *Litchfield, Ohio*
Mrs S Buton " "
Mrs T H Canfield "
Rev T H Canfield, *Davenport, Iowa*
Mrs Mary Jane Carlton, *Massachusetts*
Abel P Case, *Michigan*
Mrs Sarah Caswell, *New Hampshire*
Dea M Chambers
George B Chandler
Rev J W Chickering, Jr., *Exeter, N. H.*
Rev Willard Child D D, *Worcester, Mass.*
Mrs Mary C Child, *Suffield, Conn*
Rev T F Clary, *Wareham, Mass*
Prof N G Clark, *Boston, Mass.*
Mrs E S Clark "
Mrs H Coohran
Mrs Grace Coe, *Connecticut*
Charles G Coe "
Mrs George Coffin
Mrs H B Cook, *Bloomfield, N. J.*
John Cowles, *Maquoqueta, Iowa*
Mrs Lucy Dame, *Orfordville, N. H.*
Henry A Dame " "
Miss Martha T Dame " "

Miss Lucy E Dam, *Orfordville, N. H.*
Mrs Harriet F Dame " "
Mrs Mary L Davis, *Charlestown, Mass.*
J R Delano, *Boston, Mass*
Thomas Douglass, *New York*
Mrs Laura C Douglass "
Moses L Earl, *Illinois*
Mrs W Eaton
Mrs A Evans, *Boston, Mass*
Prof Henry Fairbanks, *Hanover, N. H.*
Reuben Farnsworth, *Illinois*
George H Fish, *Saratoga, N. Y.*
Mrs C W Fish, "
Rev A B Foster, *Bernardston, Mass.*
Rev William C Fowler *Durham, Conn.*
Rev E W Goodman, *Caldwell, N. Y.*
Mrs Mary A Goodman, " "
Henry B Goodrich
Rev John Griswold
Rev R C Hand, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*
Mrs R C Hand " "
Dea Horace Hatch *Turrytown, N. Y.*
Rev Henry A Hazen, *Plymouth, N. H.*
Mrs E C Hazen "
Rev S L Herrick *Grinnell, Iowa*
Rev E E Higbee
Rev Milo J Hickok, *Scranton, Pa.*
Rev E W Hooker, D D, *Newburyport, Ms.*
Rev W E Howes
Mrs J W Howes, *Montreal, C E*
Mrs Jemima Hoyt, *Springfield, Mass.*
Rev J W Hough *Saginaw, Mich.*
Mrs Sarah H Hough "
Rev Azariah Hyde
Mrs A Hyde
B F Hubbard, *Stanstead, C. E.*
J Hubbard, *Sandwich, N. H.*
Rev Nathan Hurd
Rev David A Jones
Rev R S Kendall, *Lenox, Mass.*
Mrs Lucretia H Kendall
Mrs Julia Lamb, *Springvale, Wis.*
Rev Cephas A Leach, *Payson, Ill.*
Miss Frances Leach
Shepherd Leach, *Rockford, Ill*
Mrs Phebe Leach, "
Mrs Isabella Lounsberry, *Hartford, Conn*
Mrs A Lovell
Rev Enoch Mead, *Davenport, Iowa*
Rev J Morse, *Stewartston, N H*
Chester Marsh, *Watertown*
Rev Joseph Marsh
Miss S C Moulton.
Mrs Rev P J H Myers
†Dea Moses Noyes
†Miss Sally Noyes
Reed Page
Rev S Parmelee D D, *New York*
Charles Partridge,
Mrs Charlotte Perkins, *Oroomiah, Persia*
R L Perkins Esq, *Boston, Mass.*
Mrs Mary C Perkins "
Mrs Julia A Perry, *New Hampshire*
S N Perry, *Walpole, N H*
Rev E W Plumb, DD, *Potsdam, N. Y.*
Rev J DeF Richards, *Weatherfield Bow*
†Mrs H B J Richards, "
Charles C Rolfe
Mrs A Rood, *Niles, Mich.*
George W Root, *Connecticut*
Burton G Sandborn
Rev George E Sanborne
Mrs Annie E Sanborne
Rev J D Sands, *Keosauque, Iowa*
Rev H H Saunderson *Charlestown, N. H.*
Mrs Eliza C Saunderson "
Mrs Maria C Scales, *Plainfield, N. H.*
Rev John Scott
Rev Calvin Selden, *Jersey City, N. J.*
Rev Thomas Shepard
Dea Charles Smith
Rev Robert Southgate, *Ipswich, Mass*
Miss Mary S Southmayd, *C. W.*
Mrs Eliza Starr
Marshall B Stebbins, *Charlestown, Mass.*
Henry A Stebbins " "
Mrs Eliza Stebbins " "
Mrs Prof Stoddard
Levi F Stone, *Pittsburg, Penn.*
Mrs S M Stone, *New Hampshire*
Rev R S Storrs D D, *Braintree, Mass.*
Mrs C S Swift, *Massachusetts*
Rev Chauncey Taylor, *Algoma, Wis.*
Rev Eli W Taylor
†Rev Lathrop Taylor, *Farmington, Ill*
Rev Preston Taylor
Rev L L Tilden *Troy, N. Y.*
Rev John Thompson
Mrs Sophronia Turner, *Franklin, Ohio*
Prof A C Twining
Mrs Prof Twining
Rev F L Whiting
Mrs Mary Whiting
Mrs J E Wright, *Boston, Mass.*
Rev Solomon Williams
Rev I R Worcester, *Auburndale, Mass.*
Mrs M S Worcester, "
Enoch Ward, *Plymouth, N. H.*
Mrs Harriet S Ward "

† Life-Members of the American Home Missionary Society.
¶ Life-Directors of the American Home Missionary Society.
The names of all Life-Members who are known to have died have been omitted.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be known by the name of the *Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.*

ART. II.—This Socicty shall consist of Life-Members who have paid twenty dollars at one time, of Delegates from Auxiliary Societies, and of members of the General Convention; and all persons who have contributed to the funds of the Society within a year may be received as members by vote or general acquiescence.

ART. III.—The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns of this State with a preached gospel by the labors of Missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

ART. IV.—The officers of this Society shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, twelve Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. In addition to the twelve Directors, the President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Board *ex officio.*

ART. V.—The President, and in case of his absence, the senior Vice-President, shall preside at all the meetings of the Society. The Directors shall appoint and direct Missionaries, shall have the control of the funds to promote the objects of the Society, and shall make a Report at each annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall superintend the correspondence of the Society, and record the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society. The Treasurer shall keep the moneys of the Society, give bonds for the faithful execution of the duties of his office, and make a Report at each annual meeting. The Directors may appoint Missionaries, and transact any other necessary

business, by a select committee chosen from their own members. No person shall be employed as a Missionary who is not furnished with satisfactory testimonials of good Christian character and theological attainments.

ART. VI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, and addresses delivered, at such time and place as the Society, by their regulations, shall establish.

The object of this Society cannot be changed, but this Constitution may be amended (on a proposal of the Directors) at any annual meeting, by two-thirds of the members present.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my Executors the sum of ——— dollars in trust, to pay over the same, in ——— after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MISSIONARIES.

The Directors of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, having been embarrassed and retarded in their business, in consequence of the negligence of some of the Missionaries to make their reports, until a few days before the Annual Meeting, think it expedient to pass the following Resolution:

Resolved, That it is required of all Missionaries, appointed by this Board, to make quarterly returns; and that *in all cases*, they return their Annual Reports to the Secretary by the first day of June. All who violate this rule are to expect the quarterly payment will be suspended three months.

BRANDON, June 24th, 1848.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Vermont Education Society held its Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting at St. Albans, June 19, 1867.

The President, Hon. WORTHINGTON C. SMITH, took the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. O. BRASTOW, of St. Johnsbury.

Revs. E. H. BYINGTON, ALFRED STEVENS and J. T. HYDE were appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and its acceptance was moved by Rev. Dr. KITCHEL, President of Middlebury College, who addressed the Society. He was followed by the Secretary of the Parent Society, Rev. I. N. TARBOX, and Revs. A. B. DASCOMB, E. H. BYINGTON, G. F. WRIGHT and J. L. MAYNARD. Voted to accept the report.

The Committee reported the following nominations, and the gentlemen mentioned were elected.

President—HON. WORTHINGTON C. SMITH.

Vice-Presidents—HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Pres. JAMES B. ANGELL.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. ELDRIDGE MIX.

Treasurer—J. T. THURSTON, Esq.

Auditor—Hon. J. A. PAGE.

Directors—Windham Association, Rev. A. STEVENS; Lamoille Association, Rev. L. BARTLETT; North-Western Association, Rev. G. B. TOLMAN; Addison Association, Rev. J. T. HYDE; White River Association, Rev. Wm. SEWALL; Orleans Association, Rev. P. H. WHITE; Rutland Association, Rev. F. TUXBURY; Windsor Association, Rev. L. H. COBB; Royalton Association, Rev. C. C. TORREY; Orange Association, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS; Caledonia Association, Rev. J. TORREY, Jr., Winooski Association, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD; Bennington Association, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN.

The Society then adjourned, the exercises being concluded by the doxology, and benediction pronounced by Rev. H. N. BURTON, of Newbury.

E. MIX, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Vermont Education Society, in behalf of the Board of Directors, submits the following Report:

In reviewing the work of the Society for the past year, we shall not gain a true estimate of it unless we first consider what ought to have been done, which we might at this time report. It should be distinctly understood and remembered that this Society is not something apart from the churches. It is the auxiliary of a society which was created to do a most important work in building up the kingdom of Christ. The purpose of its organization is solely that thereby the Christians of Vermont may the more efficiently do their part in this work. Its very existence is a standing acknowledgment of a duty which we owe to the great Head of the church, to do what we can to increase the number and efficiency of those who shall preach the gospel.

What, then, is the measure of our obligations in this matter? How much ought the churches associated in this Society, to have accomplished in the year just passed? Assuredly there should have been much of fervent prayer. The Lord of the harvest has commanded his disciples to pray to him to send forth laborers into his harvest. It is his prerogative to call men, and appoint them to this sacred office. But he will be inquired of by his people, to do this thing. The matter of supply for the constantly increasing demand is, therefore, regulated very much by the prayers of God's people. If they cease to remember this subject at the throne of grace, then there is little reason to expect that young men will come forth to take upon themselves the weighty responsibilities and labors of the ministry. This is something, therefore, which should have been much in the thoughts of Christians. The object which the Society has in view should have been remembered in their prayers day by day.

Again, it cannot be denied that these churches composing this Society ought to have sought out pious young men, and encouraged them to inquire seriously and prayerfully, whether it is not their duty to fit themselves for the ministry, assuring them of their generous aid and sympathy, if such should seem to be their duty. It has been a year remarkable for the conversion of young men. Perhaps more of this class have been added to the church than of any other. And from this number those of promise should be on their way to the ministry. The call for preachers of the gospel has never been louder. From out these Christian homes, scattered up and down through these hills and valleys of our beloved State, there should have gone forth many noble youth with the words upon their lips—"Here am I, send me," as in years past they sprang up on every hand in response to their country's call. The church at large, throughout this commonwealth, should have been thoroughly awake to this matter, and putting forth its best efforts, sending *picked men*, men of

the finest native gifts, and of the choicest culture, into the service of Christ, as preachers of his everlasting gospel.

Nor is this all,—these churches ought to have given enough of their means to aid all who belong to this State, that are in process of education for the ministry, together with as many more as might, with proper exertion, have been induced to begin such preparation, if needing assistance. This they should have done gladly—not as a gift, but rather as a debt to these their representatives, who are endeavoring to prepare themselves for the sacred office. It is the duty of the churches to see that those persons are amply provided with assistance which is necessary to enable them to fit themselves in the best manner possible for the work before them. Young men entering the ministry, which does not afford them any opportunity for the accumulation of property,—and which it is best should not be lucrative,—where they are unable without great sacrifice, even risk of health, and perhaps of life, to support themselves while engaged in their preparatory studies, are not mendicants—are not objects of charity—are not supplicants for your favor—are not lacking a true independence and self-reliance. With vastly more reason might you apply this language to all young men who go to our military and naval schools, where they are supported entirely at public expense. But these are held in high esteem. Any one considers it an honor to get an appointment to a cadetship. Why, then, should not the church highly esteem those whom the Lord choses to be the leaders of the sacramental host, and bids them prepare themselves for filling so high and important a post? Why should not the people of God delight to encourage and aid all such persons, and feel themselves honored to have the privilege of rendering them any assistance in their power? Such is manifestly the attitude which we ought to have sustained toward all who are dependent upon us for aid.

In the light of this imaginary representation, which I could fain wish had been real instead, let us see what position the churches have occupied in relation to this matter. As to prayer for this sacred object, it is to be feared that it is little remembered at the throne of grace. I have no means of knowing accurately how many churches observed the day of prayer for colleges, which has special reference to the increase of the number who shall enter the ministry. But by far the larger number, I have reason to believe, did not observe it. God only knows how often this cause, so intimately affecting the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, has been the subject of prayer in the closet, around the family altar and in the social gatherings. Are we not safe in saying, that it has been by no means remembered as it ought to have been? How many Christian parents are there who have fervently prayed from time to time that their sons might be chosen of Christ to be his ambassadors? How many so strongly desire that this might be the case, that they have been willing to make it a subject of prayer?

Again, is it a fact that many of our young men have had their attention called to the ministry by their pastors, and parents and Christian friends?

Have our churches been so desirous to have representatives in the sacred office, that they have sought out those who give promise of usefulness in this holy calling, and encouraged them to enter upon a course of preparation for it? It is the fact, I believe, that hardly one of our stronger churches—whose wealth and educational advantages render them peculiarly able to raise up men for this work—have a single one of their number in a course of preparation for it. Some of these have scarcely any representative in the sacred office. They have never raised up and sent forth but one or two in all their history. Our weaker churches have done far better. But it is not probable, as far as I have been able to ascertain from the examination of the catalogues of our seminaries, that the 191 churches of this State raise up ten men, on the average each year, for the ministry. I have not the means of knowing how this may be for the last year, but think ten is a large estimate. This is hardly enough to make good our own losses, which death and removals occasion, to say nothing of providing for the great missionary work, which devolves upon the churches of the State in common with those of other States. If this be anything like a correct estimate, we certainly have not discharged our whole duty in the raising up of men for the ministry.

In regard to contributions, the Treasurer's report informs us that he has received from the churches during the past year, exclusive of funds on hand at the beginning of the year—and legacies, $494.77. This is an advance upon the sum contributed last year, which was only $280.60. But more was received last year by way of legacy than this year. I learn from the Secretary of the parent society, that there are some sixteen persons on their books, from this State, who have received aid during the year. This has required the expenditure of at least $1600. The churches have contributed less than one-third of this amount, leaving two-thirds of those needing aid, to receive it from the churches of other States.

A greater number of churches have contributed during the past year than during the year previous. Then only fifteen appeared upon the Treasurer's report, now twenty-two appear. But this leaves about 170 churches in the State that have not taken up any contribution for this object.

As we enter upon another year of this Society's operations, it is proper to plan beforehand what should be done. If we have failed to do our duty in the past, let this stimulate to a fulfillment of our obligations in the future. In the first place, it seems to me that the churches should make the cause, which this Society is designed to promote, the subject of prayer. It is one which deeply affects the interests of Christ's kingdom, and therefore has a strong claim upon us for prayer. Christ commands us to pray in its behalf. Assuredly, those who are under the care of the Society as candidates for the ministry, ought to be remembered by us. It would greatly increase our interest in them, and sympathy for them in whatever difficulties they may be called to encounter, if we were thus to offer supplication for them. Such prayer, if offered in faith, will be a blessing to the

churches themselves. They cannot dwell upon this subject sufficiently to pray intelligently without having their interest deepened in the cause of Christ as a whole. That church which does not maintain such a lively interest in the office of the ministry that it is in the habit of praying in its behalf, cannot be in a healthy state spiritually. This holy office is one of Christ's appointments for the edification of the church. It is indispensable to the growth of the church. Those who do not feel interested enough in it to lead them to remember it in their approaches to the throne of grace, betray a sad deficiency of interest in the advancement of the church. In order, then, that the spiritual good of the churches may be promoted, it is needful that the subject of raising up young men for the ministry should lie near the hearts of Christians, and should be a subject of prayer in the closet, around the family altar and in the social meetings. Would that ministers, in their preaching and in their visitations among the people, would press this matter upon the attention of Christians, and awaken such an interest in it as it demands.

Shall there not be on the part of our churches a special effort made to seek out young men of promise, and turn their thoughts to the ministry? Will not pastors endeavor to induce those, whom they think give evidence that they will be useful in the ministry, to consider the matter of fitting themselves for it? Will not Christian parents so consecrate their children to the service of Christ that they shall be willing—nay, more, *rejoiced* to have them choose this high calling as that into which they will enter, if it be the will of the Master? How imperatively do the interests of Christ's kingdom demand that the ranks of the ministry shall be largely re-inforced. On every hand the call for more preachers of the gospel is growing louder. Some of those who have been led to choose the service of Christ during the past year, ought, it would seem, to prepare themselves for this high and holy work. Is not this the purpose of Christ in bringing so many of our precious youth to enter upon the Christian life? Let them not fail of doing so, through any lack of sympathy and encouragement on the part of the churches.

In the matter of contributions, how can we do less than raise a sufficient amount to render the aid needed by those from among us who are preparing for the ministry? It is perhaps safe to reckon that there will be twenty requiring such assistance. Shall we not, then, make the effort to raise at least $2000? To do this will require that systematic efforts be put forth, and that pains be taken to secure contributions from every church. We have in the State fifteen Associations. Dividing this amount among them according to the number of church members in each, we shall have the following sums to be raised in each association:

Addison,	$190	Orleans,	125
Bennington,	112	Royalton,	126
Caledonia,	180	Rutland,	235
Lamoille,	50	White River,	121
Lancaster,	25	Windham,	207
Montpelier,	150	Windsor,	70
N. Western,	134	Winooski,	163
Orange,	112		

To accomplish this result will only require the contribution of fourteen cents by each member. And there is no one who cannot give this small amount, while many can as easily contribute as many dollars.

The Parent Society, of which this is an auxiliary, has aided in all 469 young men from this State, of whom some 400 have entered the ministry. Many of these men were eminent for their learning, their piety and their usefulness in the church. Had they not been aided, they would, it is altogether probable, never have been able to prepare themselves for this sacred office. This American Education Society has been of great service to us, and is deserving of our entire confidence. Let us, then, through our Vermont Society, rally anew to its support, and endeavor to do our part in the accomplishment of its great work.

It seems to me, however, that this Society, while co-operating with the Parent Society, has an important work to do in behalf of our own State. Why may it not be regarded in the same light as our Domestic Missionary Society, and be employed as an instrumentality for raising up a supply for the waste places for which that is designed to care? It has seemed to me that we should endeavor to bring this organization into special prominence as a thing of State interest, and should take pains to have this object brought before all our churches with a view to arouse their attention to the subject of raising up young men among ourselves who shall become ministers of these churches, and preachers of the gospel in these destitute places. Why should we not as churches go about the work of raising up a *home ministry*—sending off to other places and to foreign lands the overflow, if there should be any, after our own wants are supplied?

Pastors and representatives of the churches, it rests mainly with you to determine what this Society shall accomplish, during the year that is before us; what the report shall be that we shall have to render of our doings: For the sake of Christ and his cause, let us give ourselves anew to the work of increasing the number of those who shall be the ambassadors of Heaven, beseeching men, in Christ's stead, to be reconciled unto God.

ELDRIDGE MIX,
Cor. Sec. of Vt. Education Society.

SCHEDULE

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES, FOR FIVE YEARS.

Associations.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.
ADDISON, - - - -	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.
BENNINGTON, -	Ohio.	New Hamp.	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.
CALEDONIA, - -	New Hampshire	Ind & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massach'ts
LAMOILLE, - - - -	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. Meth. E. Conference	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.
LANCASTER, - -	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connectic't
MONTPELIER, - -	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connectic't	Wisconsin. Oregon.
N'TH-WESTERN,	Massach'ts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Oregon. Wisconsin.	Rd. Island.
ORANGE, - - - - -	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Gen. Assem.
ORLEANS, - - - -	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Isl.	Gen. Assem.	New York.
ROYALTON, - - -	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Gen. Assem.	New York.	Canada.
RUTLAND, - - - -	Rhode Island.	Gen. Assem.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.
WHITE RIVER, -	Gen. Assem.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.
WINDHAM, - - -	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.
WINDSOR, - - - -	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.
WINOOSKI, - - -	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Ind. & Ill.

Notes.—1. The figures at the head of the columns indicate the year in which the appointments are to be made.

2. It is expected that Delegates to Bodies whose meetings occur later than July in the year of their appointment, will attend that year; all others, the year following.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, AND THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN WHICH EACH NAME APPEARS IN THE STATISTICS.

P.—Pastor. S. S.—Stated Supply. W. C.—Without Charge.

Abbott, Geo. N., W C	Burlington,	15	Francis, Lewis, P	Castleton,	11
Aiken, Silas, D. D., W C	Rutland,	11	French, L. S., W C	Franklin,	7
Albee, Solon, Prof., W C	Middlebury,	1	Gates, Matthew A., P	Peru,	13
Alden, Edwin H., S S	Tunbridge,	10	Gleason, George L., P	Bristol,	1
Alvord, Augustus, S S	Marlboro,	13	Gleed, John, W C	Morrisville,	4
Anderson, James, W C	Manchester,	2	Glines, Jeremiah, S S	Granby,	5
Arnold, S. S., W C	Ascutneyville,	13	Giddings, S. P., W C	Rutland,	14
Austin, Lewis A., P	Orwell,	1	Gilbert W. H., W C	Norwich,	13
Bacon, Wm. N., P	Shoreham,	1	Goodrich, John E., W C	Burlington,	15
Bailey, J. G., P	Hydepark,	4	Granger, Calvin, S S	Hubbardton,	11
Baker, J. W. H., W C	Brighton,	9	Graves, N. Z., W C	Middlebury,	1
Baldwin, Thomas, S S	Plymouth,	14	Grey, A. R., S S	Coventry,	9
Baldwin, W. O., S S	Arlington E.	2	Griswold, J. B., S S	West Randolph,	10
Barber, A. D., S S	Willsborough, N. Y.	15	Grout, Henry M., P	W. Springfield, Mass.,	11
Barbour, Nelson, S S	Georgia,	7	Grout, Lewis, W C	West Brattleboro,	13
Barnard, P. F., P	Williamstown,	6	Hale John G., P	East Poultney,	11
Bartlett, Lyman, P	Morristown,	4	Hall, R. V., W C	Newport,	9
Barton, Alanson S., P	Townshend E.	13	Hall, S. R., LL. D., W C	Brownington,	9
Bates, S. Lysander, P	Underhill,	15	Hand, Richard C., W C	Brooklyn, N. Y.	2
Birge, E. C., W C	Underhill,	15	Hatch, E. W., P	Berkshire E.	7
Bishop, Nelson, W C	Windsor,	14	Hazen, Austin, S S	Jericho Centre,	15
Bittinger, John Q., P	St. Albans,	7	Hazen, H. C., S S	Ludlow,	14
Bourne, James R., P	Lunenburg,	5	Hazen, Wm. S., P	Northfield,	6
Bradford, M. B., S S	McIndoe's Falls,	3	Harris, Stephen, P	Windham,	13
Bradford, D. B., P	Randolph Centre,	10	Halley, Eben, S S	Richmond,	15
Brastow, Lewis O., P	St. Johnsbury,	3	Herbert, R. L., S S	Fairhaven,	11
Brown, J. W., W C	Manchester,	2	Herrick, Edward E., S S	Colchester,	15
Buckham, James, W C	Burlington,	15	Herrick, Horace, S S	Wolcott,	4
Buckham, M. H. Prof., W C	Burlington,	15	Herrick, Wm. T., P	Clarendon,	11
Burton, H. N., P	Newbury,	10	Hickok, Henry P., W C	Burlington,	15
Butler, Franklin, W C	Windsor,	12	Higley, H. O., W C	Castleton,	11
Byington, Ezra H., P	Windsor,	12	Holliday, H. M., S S	Rochester,	10
Cady, Calvin B., S S	Alburgh,	7	Houghton, J. C., S S	Chelsea,	8
Chamberlin, E. B., S S	Westford,	15	Howard, J. T., P	Charleston W,	9
Chandler, Joseph, P	Brattleboro W.	13	Hoyt, Otto S., W C	New Haven,	1
Chandler, Augustus, P	Strafford,	8	Hubbard, C. H., S. S.	Bennington,	2
Child, Willard, D. D., W C	New Haven, Ct.	11	Hubbard, T. S., S S	Gaysville,	10
Clark, Asa F., W C	Brattleboro, W.	13	Hulbert, Calvin B., P	New Haven,	1
Clark, Charles W., S S	Hartland,	12	Hyde, James T., P	Middlebury,	1
Clark, J. C., S S	Rupert,	2	James, W. A., P	Chelsea,	10
Clark, Jacob S., P	Morgan,	9	Jennings, Isaac, P	Bennington Centre,	2
Clark, Philetus, S S	Sharon,	12	Johnson, T. Henry, S S	Bethel,	10
Clement, J., D. D., P	Norwich,	12	Joyslin, Wm. R., S S	Burke,	8
Cobb, Levi H., P	Springfield,	14	Kent, Cephas H., P	Ripton,	1
Comings, E. J., S S	Fairfield,	7	Kimball, Moses, S S	Ascutney ville,	14
Connell, David, S S	Newbury W.	8	Kingsbury, J. W., P	Quechee,	12
Converse, J. K., S S	Burlington,	15	Kingsbury, Wm. H., S S	Pomfret,	12
Cozzens, S. W., D.D., S S	Middlebury,	1	Kitchel, Harvey D., D.D., W C	Middlebury,	1
Cummings, E., C. P	St. Johnsbury,	3	Ladd, Alden, P	Roxbury,	6
Cushman C. L., P	Ludlow, Ms.,	13	Laird, James, P	Guildhall,	5
Cushman, R. S., P	Manchester,	2	Levings, Israel Hall, S S	Franklin,	7
Cutler, W. A., S S	Bridgewater,	12	Leavitt. Harvey F., S S	Ferrisburg,	1
Dascomb, A. B., P	Waitsfield,	6	Lord, Charles E., S S	Chester,	14
Delano, S., W C	———	12	Lord, Wm. H., D. D., P	Montpelier,	6
Deming. Alonzo T., P	Swanton,	7	Loring, Levi, S S	Saxton's River,	13
Dougherty, James D. D., W C	Johnson,	4	Lyon, A. B., S S	Salisbury,	1
Drake, Cyrus B., D. D., P	Royalton,	10	McClerring, D., S S	Waterford,	3
Drew, S. F., P	Cabot,	3	McKeen, Silas, D. D., S S	Bradford,	8
Duren, Charles, W C	Pomfret,	8	Marsh, Samuel, W C	Underhill,	15
Eastman, John, P	Danville,	3	Martin, Solon, S S	Fairlee West,	8
Elliott, Lester H., P	Winooski,	15	Maynard, J. L., P	Williston,	15
Fairbanks, E. T., S S	St. Johnsbury,	3	Maynard, Ulric, W C	Castleton,	11
Fairbanks, F. J., P	Westminster E.	13	Mix, Eldridge, P	Burlington,	15
Farrar, John A., S S	Westfield,	9	Montgomery, G. F., Missionary,	Marash,	4
Ferrin, Clark B., P	Hinesburg,	15	Morgan, Stillman, W C	Bristol,	1
Fisk, P. B., P	Peacham,	3	Munson, Myron A., P	Pittsford,	11
Fleming, A., W C	Constable, N. Y.,	15	Myrick, O., S S	Middletown,	11
Ford, James T., P	Stowe,	4	Nichols, Ammi, S S	Braintree,	10
Foster, Amos, S S	Putney,	13	Ober, Benjamin, S S	Fayetteville,	13
Foster, B. F., P	Dummerston,	13	Olmstead, F. W., W C	Manchester,	1

Page, M. B., s s	Johnson,	4	Tenney, Leonard, s s	Thetford,	6
Paine, Sewell, p	Montgomery Centre,	7	Thayer, W. W., w c	St. Johnsbury,	3
Palmer, Wm. S. p	Wells River,	8	Thompson, C. W., Prof., w c	Burlington,	15
Parkinson. Royal, s s	Milton,	15	Thyng John H., s s	South Londonderry,	13
Pease, A. G., w c	Waterbury,	12	Tilden, Lucius L., w c	Castleton,	11
Perkins, S. K. B., p	Glover,	9	Tolman, George B., p	Sheldon,	7
Perry, David, s s	Worcester,	6	Torrey, Charles C., s s	West Randolph,	10
Pike, W. C., s s	Weston,	14	Torrey, H. A. P., p	Vergennes,	1
Piper, C. W., s s	Weston,	13	Torrey, Jos., D. D., Prof., w c	Burlington,	15
Pratt, P. S., p	Dorset,	2	Torrey, Jos. Jr., p	Hardwick,	3
Ranney, Timothy E., s s	Holland,	9	Treat, Charles, s s	Pownal,	2
Ray. Benjamin F., p	Hartford,	12	Tuxbury, Franklin, p	Brandon,	11
Richards, J. DeF., w c	Weathersfield Bow,	14	Tyler, G. P., D. D.,	Bucksport, Me.,	13
Robinson, Wm. A., p	Barton,	9	Underwood, Jos., s s	Hardwick,	3
Rustedt, Henry F., s s	Sudbury,	7	Walker, Aldace, s s	Wallingford,	11
Safford, George B., p	Burlington,	15	Walker, Charles, D. D., w c	Pittsford,	11
Samson, A. J., s s	St. Albans,	7	Watts, L. S., s s	Barnet,	3
Saunderson, H. H., w c	Charlestown, N. H,	14	Wells, M. H., s s	Lyndon,	3
Scott, Charles, s s	Post Mills,	8	Wellington, Horace, s s	West Hartford,	12
Seaton, C. M., p	Charlotte,	15	Wheeler, O. G., p	South Hero,	15
Seaver, Norman, D. D., p	Rutland,	11	Wheelock, Edwin, p	Cambridge,	4
Sewall, William, p	Norwich	12	White, Geo. H., s s	Weathersfield Bow,	14
Smart, W. S., p	Albany, N. Y,	11	White, Pliny H., s s	Coventry,	9
Smith, Azro A., p	Lowell,	9	Wickham, J. D., D. D., w c	Manchester,	2
Smith, Buel W., w c	Burlington,	15	Wild, Asel W., p	Greensboro,	9
Smith, Charles S., w c	Montpelier,	6	Wild, Daniel, p	Fairfield,	10
Sparhawk, Samuel, s s	Pittsfield,	10	Wild, Edward P., p	Craftsbury,	9
Spaulding, Alvah, p	Weathersfield Centre,	14	Wilder, J. C., w c	Charlotte,	15
Squier, E. H., w c	Middlebury,	1	Willard, A. G., s s	Burlington,	15
Steele, Joseph, w c	Middlebury,	1	Williams, J. R., p	Bradford,	8
Stevens Alfred, p	West Westminster,	13	Williams, S. H., p	North Hero,	7
Stevens, M. A., s s	Bellows Falls,	13	Williams, S. S., w c	Orwell,	11
Stone, George, w c	Troy,	9	Winch, C. M., s s	Plainfield,	6
Stone, John F., s s	Montpelier,	6	Winchester, Warren W., p	Bridport,	1
Stone, James P., s s	Derby	9	Woodhull, George S., s s	Tinmouth,	11
Stone, L. H., s s	Pawlet,	11	Woodward, John H., p	Irasburgh,	9
Swift, Alfred B., s s	Enosburg,	7	Worcester, J. H., D. D., w c	Burlington,	15
Swift, A. S., w c	Pittsfield,	10	Wright, George F., p	Bakersfield,	7

SCHEDULE

OF TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	*Jan. & Feb.*	*Mar. & Ap.*	*May & June*	*July & Aug.*	*Sept. & Oct.*	*Nov. & Dec.*
Windham,	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.
Windsor,	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.
Orange,	Miss. As'n.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.
Washington,	Miss. As'n.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.
Bennington,	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Rutland,	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Addison,	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Chittenden,	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Grand Isle,	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Franklin,	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Lamoille,	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Orleans,	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.
Caledonia	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.
Essex,	For Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	Tract and Cong'l Un.	Miss. As'n.	Bible.

Resolutions of the Board of Domestic Missions.

1. *Resolved*, That the standard rate per cent. upon their Grand Lists, which churches shall be required to pay towards supporting their own ministers, in order to be entitled to receive aid from this Society, be one hundred and twenty-five, instead of one hundred per cent. as heretofore; leaving the Executive Committee, however, with discretionary power to vary from this where peculiar circumstances shall seem to them to demand it.

2. In view of the incompetency of the salaries of the ministers of many of the aided churches: *Resolved*, That the Board will co-operate with those aided churches in increasing their minister's salary, who will increase their own subscription for his support to one hundred and fifty per cent.

The Board were led to these Resolutions by such considerations as the following, viz:

1. Owing to the increased price of labor and produce, while the Grand List remains the same, churches can pay 150 per cent. now, more easily than they could 100 per cent. in former years.

2. Many of the churches which are not aided pay as high or higher than the rate named in the above resolutions, for the support of their own ministers; and, in addition to that, contribute to the funds of this Society; and it would seem unreasonable and unjust to take their contributions and appropriate them to aid churches which do not pay as high, or nearly as high, towards supporting the gospel among themselves.

3. It is found that those churches which voluntarily and cheerfully pay the most liberally according to their means, for the support of the gospel, are the most prosperous, both as respects their spiritual and external affairs. And it is believed that the rate per cent. named in the resolutions, is no higher than Christians ought to tax themselves for the support of religion,—that to do much less would be to withhold more than is meet, which tendeth to both spiritual and temporal poverty.

4. The impossibility of extending operations to the numerous churches and communities which are still destitute, in our State, without greater liberality and self-denial, on the part of both the aided and unaided churches, is another strong reason, and one which, it is believed, will commend itself to every candid mind.

It is hoped that no feeble church will be disheartened in consequence of this action of the Board; but rather that it will be stirred up to greater effort, and after doing the best it can, let its case be known to the Executive Committee.

MONTPELIER, June 23, 1854.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

EVERY application to the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY for aid should be made by a Committee authorized to act in behalf of the Church or Society, or both. The application must contain answers to the following questions:

1. Name of the minister to be employed?
2. Number of members of the church?
3. Amount of the grand list of the church?
4. Amount paid by the church for preaching?
5. Amount paid by those not belonging to the church?
6. Least amount of aid that will suffice from this society?
7. What number usually attend public worship?
8. What proportion of the church take decided ground in favor of the Temperance cause?
9. How long before preaching can be sustained without charitable aid?
10. Is the church or society in debt for past ministerial labor? If so, to what amount, and to whom?
11. From what date is aid asked?
12. Is aid expected from any other source?

All applications for aid should be approved by the Association, within whose bounds they arise, (or by a Committee of such body.) Except in special cases, grants will not go back of the date of the application. It is very desirable that all churches, receiving aid from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, should so arrange their contracts with their minister, that the year may commence on the first of June, so that all applications, for the RENEWAL OF A GRANT, may be made at that time, as the Board can then act upon them at their annual meeting.

Appropriations are made for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of application. If further aid is needed, a new application must be made, containing all of the above mentioned particulars, and be properly endorsed and recommended.

☞ It is hoped that every feeble church will preserve a copy of these directions, and invariably comply with them in every application for aid.

Address Rev. C. S. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary*,
Montpelier, Vt.

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention meets on the 3d Tuesday in June, annually. The Assembly's Shorter Catechism is its doctrinal standard. It is constituted as follows:

Each County Conference may send three delegates, one minister and two laymen. Each Association may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every four ordained resident ministers. The permanent officers of Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the parish, Delegates to and from foreign bodies, Chairmen of Committees who have to report, the Secretaries of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and Vermont Education Society, Members of Boards appointed by Convention, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and to lead in discussions, are also members *ex officiis*. The officers of the Convention are chosen annually, excepting the Register and Corresponding Secretary. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of the Convention.

Place of next meeting, Brandon, June 15, 1869.

Preacher, PROF. MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM, Burlington.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D. Moderator, Middlebury.
Rev. ALDACE WALKER, Register, Wallingford.
Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, Corresponding Secretary, Windsor.
Rev. WILLIAM A. ROBINSON.

OFFICERS OF THE VT. DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

J. W. HICKOK, Esq., President, Burlington.
Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH, Corresponding Secretary, Montpelier.
Rev. LEONARD TENNEY, Recording Secretary, Barre.
C. W. STORRS, Esq., Treasurer, Montpelier.

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Hon. WORTHINGTON C. SMITH, President, St. Albans.
J. T. THURSTON, Esq., Treasurer, Montpelier.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. W. W. Thayer, Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. E. H. Byington, John C. Emery, Esq.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., Hon. Jason Steele, J. G. Stimson, Esq.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF THE CONVENTION.

REPORTERS.

Addison Association—Rev. H. F. Leavitt; *Bennington Association*—Rev. R. S. Cushman; *Caledonia Association*—Rev. J. Torrey, Jr.; *Lamoille Association*—Rev. J. G. Bailey, *Lancaster Association*—James Laird; *Montpelier Association*—Rev. Pliny F. Barnard; *North Western Associ-*

ation—Rev. George B. Tolman; *Orange Association*—Rev. Wm. S. Palmer; *Orleans Association*—Rev. Pliny H. White; *Royalton Association*—Rev. T. Henry Johnson; *White River Association*—Rev. C. W. Clark; *Windham Association*—Rev. Joseph Chandler; *Windsor Association*—Rev. L. H. Cobb; *Winooski Association*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Rutland Association*—Rev. J. G. Hale.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Addison Association—Rev. Harvey F. Leavitt; *Bennington Association*—Rev. Jas. Anderson; *Caledonia Association*—Rev. J. Eastman; *Lamoille Association*—Rev. Horace Herrick; *Lancaster Association*—Rev. Jeremiah Glines; *Montpelier Association*—Rev. Wm. H. Lord; *North-Western Association*—Rev. Alfred B. Swift; *Orange Association*—Rev. Horatio N. Burton; *Orleans Association*—Rev. R. V. Hall; *Royalton Association*—Rev. Cyrus B. Drake, D. D.; *Rutland Association*—Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D.; *White River Association*—Rev. Jona. Clement, D. D.; *Windsor Association*—Rev. Moses Kimball; *Winooski Association*—Rev. George B. Safford; *Windham Association*—Rev. Alfred Stevens.

RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. Calvin B. Hulbert; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. E. C. Cummings; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. George B. Safford; *Essex and Coos Conference*—Rev. Jeremiah Glines; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. George B. Tolman; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. J. C. Houghton; *Orange Conference*—Rev. D. B. Bradford; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. W. A. Robinson; *Rutland and Bennington Conference*—Rev. P. S. Pratt; *Washington Conference*—Rev. William S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. F. J. Fairbanks; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. William Sewall.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the North Church of St. Johnsbury, June 16, 1868.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D., of Middlebury, from Psalms cvii: 7.

The following delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members of the Convention, viz:—

Windham Association.—Rev. Messrs. ALFRED STEVENS, F. J. FAIRBANKS, LEVI LORING.

Bennington Association.—Rev. J. D. WICKHAM, D.D.

Rutland Association.—Rev. Messrs. WM. T. HERRICK, G. L. GLEASON, CHARLES WALKER, D.D., LEWIS FRANCIS.

Windsor Association.—Rev. Messrs. L. H. COBB, NELSON BISHOP.

White River Association.—Rev. Messrs. WILLIAM SEWALL, B. F. RAY, HORACE WELLINGTON, J. Q. BITTINGER.

Royalton Association.—Rev. Messrs. D. B. BRADFORD, T. H. JOHNSON,

Addison Association.—Rev. Messrs. C. B. HULBERT, A. B. LYON.

Orange Association.—Rev. Messrs. David CONNELL, WM. S. PALMER.

Montpelier Association.—Rev. Messrs. P. F. BARNARD, J. COPELAND, E. I. CARPENTER.

Lamoille Association.—Rev. J. G. BAILEY.

Winooski Association.—Rev. Messrs. E. H. GRIFFIN, E. E. HERRICK, S. L. BATES, C. M. SEATON.

North Western Association.—Rev. Messrs. GEORGE F. WRIGHT, GEO. B. TOLMAN, C. B. CADY, E. W. HATCH.

Caledonia Association.—Rev. Messrs. S. F. DREW, J. P. HUMPHREY, J. TORREY, J. UNDERWOOD.

Orleans Association.—Rev. Messrs. A. R. GRAY, E. P. WILD, A. W. WILD, J. H. WOODWARD, S. K. B. PERKINS.

Lancaster Association. Rev. JAMES LAIRD.

Addison Conference.—Bro. HENRY LANE.

Caledonia Conference.—Rev. L. O. BRASTOW, Bros. HENRY BLAKE, GEO. H. WEEKS.

Chittenden Conference.—Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Prof. EDWARD HUNGERFORD, Bro. JOHN H. WORCESTER, Jr.

Essex and Coos Conference.—Rev. JOSIAH MORSE, Bro. GEORGE A. APPLETON.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference.—Rev. A. B. SWIFT, Dea. GEO. ADAMS, Dea. L. L. DUTCHER.

Lamoille Conference.—Rev. M. B. PAGE, Dea. JOHN TERRILL, Bro. GRIDLEY JOY.

Orange Conference.—Dea. GEORGE PRITCHARD.

Orleans Conference.—Rev. T. E. RANNEY, Dea. A. P. DUTTON, Bro. MOSES BOARDMAN.

Rutland and Bennington Conference.—Bro. LORENZO SHELDON.

Washington Conference.—Rev. WM. S. HAZEN, Dea. JUSTUS KINNEY.

Windham Conference.—Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Hon. HOMER GOODHUE.

Windsor Conference.—Rev. J. P. STONE, Dea. AMASA WOOLSON, Dea. E. CLEAVELAND.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Vermont Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. E. A. TITUS.

Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting.—Rev. S. W. PERKINS.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Register.—Rev. ALDACE WALKER.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. E. H. BYINGTON.

Preacher.—Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D.

Minister of the Parish.—Rev. E. C. CUMMINGS.

Leaders in Discussions, and Essayists.—Rev. Messrs. A. B. DASCOMB, LEWIS GROUT, W. A. ROBINSON, HORACE HERRICK, H. N. BURTON, Hon. E. P. WALTON.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Secretary of the Vermont Educational Society.—Rev. J. G. HALE.

Members of Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers.—Bro. J. G. STIMSON, Rev. H. F. LEAVITT.

Member of Fairbanks Educational Board.—Rev. W. W. THAYER.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Conference of Massachusetts.—Rev. P. H. WHITE.

Congregational Union of Canada.—Rev. C. W. CLARK.

General Associations of Kansas and Iowa.—Rev. C. M. WINCH.

General Assembly of New York.—Rev. F. TUXBURY.

The Convention was organized by choice of

Rev. A. STEVENS, of Westminster West, *Moderator*.

Rev. WM. A. ROBINSON, of Barton, *Scribe*.

Rev. WM. S. PALMER, of Wells River, *Assistant Scribe*.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Dea. E. C. REDINGTON, of St. Johnsbury, was elected Auditor of the Fairbanks Boards.

It was *Voted*, That the hours of meeting be 8.30, A.M., 2.30 and 7.30, P.M., and the hours of adjournment 12, M., and 5.30, P.M.

Then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following Committees were nominated by the Moderator, and elected by the Convention :—

Committee of Overtures.—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Woodward, Joseph Torrey, C. E. Ferrin, Bro. Homer Goodhue, Bro. L. Sheldon.

Committee of Arrangements.—Rev. Messrs. Wm. Sewall, J. Chandler, Wm. S. Hazen.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.—Rev. Messrs. E. P. Wild, A. R. Gray, Bro. Geo. H. Weeks.

The docket of business was then read by the Register.

Delegates to and from Corresponding Bodies made their reports.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from the General Conferences of Maine and Minnesota, and from the General Associations of California and Michigan.

The report by the Corresponding Secretary was then read, accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Rev. J. Q. Bittinger offered the following resolution, which was adopted ;—

"*Resolved*, That in view of the very marked and general religious interest which has pervaded the churches of our State during the past year, we render especial thanksgiving to God for his goodness and mercy, and that, as an expression of our feelings, a special thanksgiving service be appointed by the Convention, in connection with the administration of the Lord's Supper to-morrow afternoon."

A committee was then chosen to arrange for such service, consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. Q. Bittinger, C. B. Hulbert and L. Tenney.

Remarks were made upon topics suggested by the revival record of the past year, by Rev. Ammi Nichols, Prof. Hungerford, Rev. Messrs. S. W. Perkins, J. H. Woodward, J. Copeland, C. B. Hulbert, and L. H. Cobb.

Convention then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened by singing and prayer.

The discussion of the relation of the Ministers and Churches to the cause of Temperance was opened by Rev. Messrs. Wm. A. Robinson and Horace Herrick, and participated in by members of the Convention.

Convention then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. W. T. Herrick.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of the previous day read, amended and approved.

The following Committees were appointed :—

On Abatements.—Rev. Messrs. F. J. Fairbanks, P. H. White, B. F. Ray.

On Assessments.—Rev. E. I. Carpenter, Bro. J. G. Stimson, Dea. E. Cleaveland.

To nominate Fairbanks Boards.—Rev. Messrs. Joseph Chandler, J. P. Stone, Dea. Amasa Woolson.

The reports of the Fairbanks Boards were presented, accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Fairbanks Education Board respectfully present their Twelfth Annual Report, for the year ending May 31, 1868 :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury last year	$61 90
Interest on Investments	607 70
	$669 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Beneficiaries	$360 00	
Chairman's postage	1 59	
Cash in the Treasury	308 01	—669 60

ALDACE WALKER, *Chairman.*
W. W. THAYER, *Treasurer.*

St. Johnsbury, June 16, 1868.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFICIARIES.

Names.	Where studying.	Age.	Amount.
A. W. Clark,	Union Theological Seminary,	26	$20 00
Wm. B. Anderson,	Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester,		20 00
W. H. Utley,	" " " "		80 00
Chas. A. White,	Williams College,	25	25 00
M. O. Harrington,	Amherst College,	23	75 00
E. P. Butler,	Vermont University,	20	80 00
Chas. A. Smith,	Barre Academy,	19	60 00
			$360 00

June 16, 1868.

The Trustees of the Fairbanks Fund for the relief of Ministers, present the following Report of the Treasurer, showing the receipts and payments made by our order, and the balance remaining in his hands at date.

Fairbanks Fund in account with J. G. Stimson, Treasurer.

CREDIT.

June 19, 1867.	By balance in Treasury, per Auditors' Report,	$392 32
June 26, 1867.	By interest on S. R. Huse's note,	120 00
July 23, 1867.	" " " E. W. Case's note,	36 00
July 29, 1867.	" " " S. Ridley's note,	139 32
Aug. 23, 1867.	" " " J. D. Robinson's note,	12 36
Nov. 19, 1867.	" " " H. S. Morgan's note,	18 00
Feb. 27, 1868.	" " " J. D. Robinson's note,	12 00
Mch. 17, 1868.	" " " H. S. Morgan's note,	15 00
April 1, 1868.	" " " James Somerville,	180 00
April 21, 1868.	" " " R. J. Barber's note,	90 00
June 16, 1868.	" " " Small sums,	19 25
		$1,034 25

DEBIT.

1867.			
July 17.	To paid appropriation to Rev. J. C. Wilder,	$100 00	
Aug. 3.	" " " Rev. C. B. Drake,	150 00	
Aug. 3.	" " " Rev. S. Morgan,	100 00	
Aug. 3.	" " " Rev. O. S. Hoyt,	100 00	
Aug. 3.	" " " Rev. S. Williams,	150 00	
Sept. 11.	" " " Rev. J. Gleed,	50 00	
Sept. 13.	" " " Rev. S. Marsh,	100 00	
Paid for seven drafts, letters and revenue stamps,		3 26	
			753 26
June 16, 1868.	Balance in my hands,		$280 99

To this balance there is to be assessed interest on the following notes:

S. R. Huse,	$1200 00, from June 26,	1867.
E. W. Case,	600 00, from July 23,	1867.
H. D. Tucker,	300 00, from Aug. 10,	1867.

S. Ridley,	$2000 00,	from Sept. 23,	1867.
A. L. Wood,	700 00,	from Oct. 30,	1867.
J. D. Robinson,	200 00,	from Feb. 27,	1868.
Albert Stone,	500 00,	from March 16,	1868.
Jas. Somerville,	3000 00,	from April 1,	1868.
R. J. Barber,	1500 00,	from April 21,	1868.
	$10,000 00		

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account of J. G. Stimson, Treasurer of the Fairbanks Fund for the relief of ministers, for the year ending May 31, 1868, that the same is correct, that there are vouchers for each item paid out, and there is now in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars and ninety-nine cents to the credit of new account for the current year.

E. C. REDINGTON, *Auditor.*

June 16, 1868.

The committee to arrange thanksgiving services for the afternoon made their report, setting apart forty minutes following the Lord's Supper. The report was adopted.

Article IV. of the Constitution was amended by striking out the word "Secretaries" and inserting "Officers" of Benevolent Societies.

The committee to nominate the Fairbanks Boards reported as follows:

Educational Board.—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. W. W. Thayer, Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. E. H. Byington, John C. Emery, Esq.

Board for the Relief of Ministers.—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., Hon. Jason Steele, J. G. Stimson, Esq.

The Committee on Overtures made a report, recommending the appointment of a committee to take into consideration and report at the next meeting of the Convention, some plan for the relief of the families of deceased ministers in the State. The Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers were appointed that committee.

It was then moved that a collection for this object be taken in our churches on the first Sabbath in July.

Motion laid on the table, and the Convention took a recess to attend the anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

After the anniversary the Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator, and it was voted to change the order of exercises, by substituting the Discussion appointed for Thursday forenoon, in place of the anniversary of the Educational Society this evening, and postponing that anniversary to Thursday morning.

The motion concerning a collection for the widows and children of de-

ceased ministers was taken from the table, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, 1*st*, That the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers be requested and authorized to act during the coming year as a Board for receiving and disbursing contributions for the relief of destitute widows, and children under fourteen years of age, of deceased ministers who, at the time of their death, resided in this State, and were in regular connection with some one of the District Associations represented in this Convention.

2*d*, That the Convention recommend to the churches to make a contribution to this object on the first or some other Sabbath in July.

The Lord's Supper was then administered by Revs. Levi H. Cobb and A. Stevens, after which the appointed service of thanksgiving was held.

After a recess of five minutes, Rev. Lewis Grout read an Essay on the Duties of the Church to her Baptized Children.

After discussion of the subject of the Essay by several members of the Convention, the thanks of the Body were voted to the Essayist, and he was requested to give the Essay to the press for publication.

An assessment of three hundred dollars upon the various County Conferences of the State was then voted, and the Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention opened with prayer by Rev. C. B. Cady, and singing by the choir.

The discussion of the Christian Rule concerning Amusements was opened by Rev. H. N. Burton and Hon. E. P. Walton, and after a somewhat general discussion the subject was referred to a committee to report resolutions to the Convention to-morrow. Rev. Dr. Kitchel, Rev. E. H. Byington and Rev. P. H. White were elected the committee.

After prayer by Rev. F. Tuxbury, the Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Convention opened with prayer by Rev. F. J. Fairbanks.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Kitchel, chairman of the committee to whom the subject of Amusements was referred, reported the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The question of Amusements, as a practical question of character and duty, is now largely in discussion among our churches, and has been brought to the notice of this Body in a way that seems to demand of us, for the honor of Christ in the purity of His people, and

for the use of serious souls, some utterance of what we deem the mind of the Master :—therefore,

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Convention, the spirit of the Law of Christian Love requires of all Christian people a more thorough and prayerful consideration of the tendency of certain popular forms of amusement, such as card-playing and billiards, the theatre, and the dance; and that, whatever may be said of these in the abstract, we are constrained to declare our solemn conviction, in view of their practical working, that they are dangerous and vicious in their influence, and should be discountenanced in our churches.

The Committee of Overtures reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That by the term "average attendance on public worship," in the statistics of the churches, is to be understood the aggregate attendance upon all the public services of the Sabbath during the year, divided by the number of services.

The committee of arrangements for the next annual meeting of Convention reported as follows:

Place of meeting—Brandon. Preacher—Prof. M. H. Buckham, Burlington. Substitute—Rev. B. F. Ray, Hartford.

First Essay—"Aim and Methods of Church Discipline." Primary—Rev. L. Tenney, Barre. Substitute—Rev. C. E. Ferrin, Hinesburgh.

Second Essay—"How to make our Sabbath Schools more fruitful in conversions." Primary—Rev. J. Torrey, Hardwick. Substitute—Rev. L. A. Austin, Orwell.

First Discussion—Relation of Christian Associations to the Churches. To be opened by Prof. Hungerford, of Burlington, and Rev. L. O. Brastow of St. Johnsbury, Primaries—or Rev. L. H. Cobb, of Springfield, and Rev. S. L. Bates, of Underhill, Substitutes.

Second Discussion—Duty of Churches to the waste places in their own County. To be opened by Rev. J. T. Ford, of Stowe, and Rev. Charles Scott, of Post Mills, Primaries—or by Rev. A. Stevens, of Westminster West, and Rev. A. A. Smith, of Lowell, Substitutes.

The committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies made the following nominations, and the persons named were elected by the Convention.

General Association of New York.—Rev. D. B. Bradford, Primary; Rev. T. S. Hubbard, Substitute.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. P. H. White, Primary; Rev. Wm. A. Robinson, Substitute.

General Associations of Iowa and Kansas.—Rev. J. R. Bourne, Primary; Rev. James Laird, Substitute.

General Association of New Hampshire.—Rev. G. B. Safford, Primary; Rev. L. H. Elliott, Substitute.

Vermont Conference Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. P. S. Pratt, Primary; Rev. J. B. Clark, Substitute.

General Association of Michigan.—Rev. L. S. Watts, Primary; Rev. S. F. Drew, Substitute.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Wm. S. Hazen, Primary; Rev. E. I. Carpenter, Substitute.

General Association of Indiana and Illinois.—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Primary; Rev. L. A. Austin, Substitute.

General Association of Massachusetts.—Rev. J. T. Ford, Primary; Rev. J. C. Houghton, Substitute.

General Association of Rhode Island.—Rev. Solon Martin, Primary; Rev. J. K. Williams, Substitute.

General Conference Baptist Churches of Vermont.—Rev. H. N. Burton, Primary; Rev. A. Hazen, Substitute.

Congregational Union of Canada.—Rev. J. G. Hale, Primary; Rev. L. Francis, Substitute.

General Association of California and Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting.—Rev. C. W. Clark, Primary; Rev. Wm. Sewall, Substitute.

General Conference of Maine.—Rev. J. Chandler, Primary; Rev. A. Stevens, Substitute.

General Conference of Ohio.—Rev. C. E. Lord, Primary; Rev. L. H. Cobb, Substitute.

General Association of Missouri.—Rev. L. O. Brastow, Primary; Rev. R. Parkinson, Substitute.

General Associations of Wisconsin and Oregon.—Rev. E. J. Comings, Primary; Rev. G. F. Wright, Substitute.

Rev. D. S. Bradford was appointed Receiver of Orange Conference; Rev. L. H. Cobb, Reporter of Windsor Association; Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Reporter of Addison Association; Rev. J. C. Houghton, Receiver of Lamoille Conference.

The Secretary of the Domestic Missionary Society, the Register, and the Scribe, were chosen a committee to publish the Minutes.

It was ordered that 3000 copies of the Minutes, in connection with the Report of the Domestic Missionary Society, be printed.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1868.		
	On hand, as reported last year.	$223 64
Jan. 20.	Windsor County Conference, assess't in full,	48 75
June 17.	Addison " " " "	39 20
	Caledonia " " " "	35 75
	Chittenden, " " "	29 29
	Essex and Coos " " "	3 75

June 17.	Lamoille County Conference, assess't in full,	$9 00	
	Franklin and Grand Isle, " "	23 75	
	Orange " " " in part,	35 02	
	Orleans " " " in full,	21 00	
	Rutland and Bennington " "	59 21	
	Washington " " "	27 50	
	Windham " " " "	41 19	
			$597 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

1867.			
June 20.	Paid Committee on Psalmody, expense of circulars	$5 00	
Aug. 26.	" E. H. Byington's acc'nt for postage and superintending pub. of Minutes	6 97	
	" Claremont Manufacturing Co., for printing Minutes, wrapping paper, twine, distribution and express charges	280 85	
	" Register's postage,	67	
	Cash on hand	303 56	
			$597 05

ALDACE WALKER, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above report, and find it to be correct, with proper vouchers for each item of expenditure, and that there is in the Treasury $303 56.

(Signed) F. J. FAIRBANKS,
Chairman of Comm. on Abatement.

St. Johnsbury, June 18, 1868.

The Report was accepted.

It was voted to limit the time allotted to those hereafter opening discussions before the Convention to twenty minutes each, and that of others participating in these discussions to five minutes each.

The Committee of Assessments made report as follows, and their report was adopted:

Addison Conference	$31 38
Caledonia "	28 60
Chittenden "	23 44
Essex and Coos	3 00
Franklin and Grand Isle	19 00
Lamoille "	7 19
Orange "	29 66
Orleans "	16 77
Rutland and Bennington	47 37
Washington "	21 98
Windham "	32 96
Windsor "	39 00

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from the Congregational Conference of Ohio.

The Convention adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to present to the Convention of next year some plan for organizing church action, in relation to the Temperance interests of the State ; and also that such committee shall be at liberty to make appeal to the churches for aid to the cause during the present year.

Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D., Rev. Wm. T. Herrick and Bro. L. Sheldon were appointed such committee.

Rev. C. E. Ferrin presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Convention express their hearty thanks to the several Railroad Companies that carry members of the Convention for reduced fare.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be rendered to the Choir of this Church for its very acceptable services during our sessions.

Resolved, That we tender the good people of St. Johnsbury our grateful acknowledgment for the liberal entertainment we have received, and for the cordiality with which it has been given.

The Convention took a recess to attend the anniversary of the Vermont Educational Society.

After the recess the Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was opened in the usual form.

Voted, That the term "Stated Supply," in the Minutes, be changed to "Acting Pastor."

An Essay on "The Rights and Duties of Women in the Church," was read by Rev. A. B. Dascomb.

The thanks of the Convention were voted to the Essayist, and he was requested to furnish his Essay to the press for publication.

The Minutes of the day were read and approved.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Charles Walker, and singing the doxology, the Convention adjourned.

A. STEVENS, *Moderator.*

WM. A. ROBINSON, *Scribe.*

WM. S. PALMER, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

It is ten years since the last meeting of the Convention at St. Johnsbury. Then, as now, we came here from fields which the Lord had blessed, and our song was that the Lord had turned again the captivity of Zion. Very much of that session was occupied in speaking of the revivals which had been granted to our churches. The Lord had done great things for us whereof we were glad. The ten years since then have brought many changes to the ministry and the churches connected with this Convention. President Wheeler was then our Moderator, and Gov. Fairbanks was President of the Missionary Society and of the Sabbath School Society. These, and many other venerable members of that Convention have passed away. About one-half of those, who were active ministers in the State at that time have either ceased to labor or removed from Vermont. Only fourteen of our pastors were installed as long ago as that.

It is a very pleasing coincidence that we have come again to this beautiful village to review this year, which has been marked by tokens of the divine favor quite as striking as were granted to us then. Our churches have received this year larger additions than in any one of the last twenty-five years. Every Association in the State is able to report a gain. The net increase for the whole State is more than eleven hundred. Nearly every church where the preaching of the gospel has been sustained reports some additions, and the average of such additions by profession has been nine and one-third to each church which has received any additions at all. While the churches throughout the State have had an unusually prosperous year, those within the counties of Addison, Orleans, Orange, Windsor and Windham have been especially favored.

STATE OF RELIGION.

From this general view we pass to a more particular account of the churches, from the materials which are furnished by the annual reports. These reports are fuller and apparently more accurate than usual, and only three or four churches remain to be heard from. Special thanks

are due to the Reporters in the various Associations, for their promptness and efficiency in gathering the materials for this general survey.

Beginning with *Bennington Association*, the ten churches report a membership of nine hundred and sixty-six, and have received forty-three by profession during the year. There has been no general revival in any of the churches. In the early winter there was a good degree of interest in Manchester, and several hopeful conversions. Two new churches have been organized.

The seventeen churches of *Rutland Association* report the addition of ninety-two by profession. At Hubbardton there has been a very interesting work of grace which is still in progress. Some thirty hopeful conversions are reported. The Sabbath School is prosperous, including many young men. At Pittsford a quiet but very decided interest in religion prevails. Eight meetings are held each week in the outlying districts by the members of the Young Men's Christian Association. At Poultney there has been a quickened religious feeling during nearly the whole year. A Circular Conference was held in December with good results. The week of prayer was observed, and afterwards union prayer meetings, with considerable preaching for some five weeks. Fifteen have been added to the church by profession. At West Rutland meetings have been held in the out districts with good results. There have been fifteen hopeful conversions in one district. The state of religion in Sudbury during the year has been decidedly hopeful. Prayer meetings during the winter were well attended and were very interesting. There have been several hopeful conversions in West Haven. Young Men's Christian Associations are mentioned as existing at Brandon, Castleton, Hubbardton, Pittsford and Rutland. Nearly all the churches of this Association are sustaining the means of grace, and the results will appear in due time.

Seven of the thirteen churches in *Addison Association* report revivals of religion. The church in New Haven has received seventy-nine members by profession, a larger number than has been gathered into any other church in the State. The revival in that place commenced with the week of prayer. At an unusually large meeting in December the church voted to observe the week, and when the time came it found the church prepared for it. The attendance was large without any special effort to bring the people together. Before the end of the week Christians began to feel and to confess that they had wandered far from their Master, and had thus greatly wounded His cause. And the burden became so great upon them that the meetings were continued without any formal vote, to give further opportunity for confession and prostration before God. "The Holy Spirit met with us," writes the pastor, "and laid bare our sins and showed us the expiation. A church fast was observed, and it was a truly memorable day. That which characterized the meetings for

some weeks was the concern which Christians felt for themselves. They were wholly absorbed with the inquiry, how they could regain the joy of salvation. After two or three weeks their attention was called from themselves, by requests from the impenitent for the prayers of God's people. Now commenced a period of about four weeks during which God disclosed His power in saving sinners. Some who had passed many years in sin were among the first to receive Christ. Many others were young. The meetings were conducted by the pastor and the members of the church, with some help from the ministers of the vicinity. When the meetings were interrupted by the breaking up of winter, it was found that the Spirit could work without the usual means. Many have found peace in Christ with very little aid from any form of revival service. Among the most interesting seasons have been the church meetings, held on Friday afternoons for six or seven successive weeks, at which, in the presence of crowded assemblies, those who had indulged hope during the revival gave, verbally or in writing, a relation of their religious experience. No candid unbeliever could have listened to the statements there made by the candidates, of what God had done for their souls, without being convinced of the reality of the religious experience." The pastor concludes his report by saying: "The lesson that is taught us in this revival is that Christians are sinful and weak, and that nothing is accomplished by them until God comes to work through them, and thus illustrates the sovereignty of His grace." The pastor in Shoreham writes: "We have had a precious revival, embracing mostly our strong young men and their wives. Yet the subjects of the work have been of all ages, from the child of eight years to the old man of sixty-nine. Sixteen have united with the church and some twenty more are expected in July. There are still new cases of interest." From Salisbury we learn that there has been a large increase in the congregation, and that twenty or twenty-five are beginning a religious life. At Weybridge there was a very pleasing revival during the winter, and the church has been much encouraged and strengthened by the addition of twenty-four members, while some others are already becoming Christians. At Bristol a revival commenced in November, in connection with the labors of Rev. A. B. Earl, and from sixty to seventy professed to have been the subjects of divine grace. Only thirty-five of these have connected themselves with the three churches which united in the meeting, of whom seven were received to the Congregational Church. The pastor at Cornwall writes: "We have been blessed with a gracious revival during the winter, and there is a good state of religious feeling in the church and congregation now." All that the pastor at Bridport says is: "Forty conversions and much revived." The little church at Ferrisburgh has raised $7000 for a house of worship, which has been increased by $1500

from abroad, and the new church is nearly completed. They are preparing also to erect a parsonage. There is no pastor at Middlebury, but there has been a revival of considerable interest, and about forty hopeful conversions are reported. The College shared in the work, and some of the students were very active. From collating these various reports it appears that there have been more than three hundred hopeful conversions in this single county.

The seventeen churches of *Winooski Association* are all supplied with ministers but three, and all enjoying usual prosperity. Seventy-seven have been added by profession, an average of about five to each church. Only one reports a revival—that at South Hero—of which the pastor writes: "The last year has been the most precious of all the years of the past in religious prosperity. We have had a blessed revival, a goodly number of conversions, all in connection with the ordinary means of grace,—preaching on the Sabbath, conference meetings, religious conversation and more prayer than usual. These were the human means, but the power of God was manifest and glorious. Seventeen have been gathered into the church." There has been considerable religious interest in Charlotte, beginning in the week of prayer, resulting in quite a number of hopeful conversions. At Hinesburgh religious "services have been attended with almost constant indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Instances of inquiry are almost constant, though slow to develop into conviction and clear hope in Christ." At Underhill there was a decided increase of interest during the week of prayer, resulting in the hopeful conversion of six or eight. Several other churches speak of special interest during the week of prayer. Several spoke of union meetings, and of decided advance in the spirit of Christian union The houses of worship at Westford and Underhill have been thoroughly repaired.

The fourteen churches in the *Northwestern Association* are all supplied with ministers but two. Sixty-nine have been added by profession, one-half of them to the church in St. Albans. There was a decided increase of religious interest at that place during the week of prayer, and there were several hopeful conversions. In March morning prayer meetings were appointed, which were attended at some times by as many as two hundred people. These were continued until the 2d of May. The condition of the church is still hopeful, and a number more are expecting to unite with it at the next communion. Thirty hopeful conversions are reported in Georgia, in connection with the labors of a young man from Providence. From the other churches there is comparatively little of interest reported.

At the meeting of the Conference in Franklin county one year ago it was decided to employ a colporteur, to go from house to house and from

town to town. Deacon S. M. Hulbert of Sheldon, was chosen for the work. He owns a large farm, but feeling that the call was from the Lord he could not say nay, and, leaving his farm to the care of his wife and son, he entered upon the work. He has spent about seven months in that service; has visited 1194 families, conversed on personal religion and prayed with 1104 of them; has addressed 62 public meetings, and circulated religious books and tracts to the amount of $1091. These statistics show a great amount of hard, self-denying labor, and much seed sown. It is said that the labors of this colporteur had very much to do in preparing the way for the revival at St. Albans.

The nine churches in *Lamoille Association* are reported as enjoying usual prosperity. All are supplied with ministers but two. None of them report revivals. The church at Stowe has completed its first year as a self-sustaining church, and has wholly extinguished a debt which has been resting upon it. "There has been a good degree of union of feeling, and some religious interest." The house of worship has been repaired at Cambridge. The church at North Hydepark enjoys internal peace, and a number of Mission Sabbath Schools have been commenced at Johnson.

The light and shade are blended in the reports from the fourteen churches in *Montpelier Association*. Ten of them are supplied with ministers, and one other has just secured a pastor. Only forty-nine have been added by profession. There is "but little interest" at Duxbury. "No increase in numbers" at West Berlin. "No preaching and no meetings for the year" at Marshfield, "yet the church is now raising money to support preaching and hopes to find a minister." Worcester is reported as in a "pretty poor condition," and Roxbury "in a fair condition." The week of prayer was observed with much interest at Barre, and eight or ten gave evidence of a change of heart. Some increase of religious interest at Berlin. There have been some conversions at Northfield, and the interest continued after the week of prayer. There was a "season of refreshing at Waterbury, and sixteen converts have been received to the church. A parsonage has been purchased and the vestry repaired." The pastor at Montpelier is absent on account of ill health. They hope to occupy the new church in October. The report from this church concludes with the remark, "we greatly need the baptism of the Holy Ghost." A parsonage has been purchased and improvements made on the house of worship at Waitsfield.

In *Orleans Association* fifteen churches are supplied with ministers and three are destitute. Five of the churches have received no additions by profession, but the thirteen remaining have received one hundred and forty-six. At Coventry there has been "a revival much longer in its continuance and more fruitful in results than any other in its history.

It began in midsummer, and without any previous efforts to produce it. A solid foundation had been laid for it, however, by the frequent preaching of the cardinal doctrines of the gospel, and when the Holy Spirit made His presence manifest, many were prepared to yield to His gracious influences. In some instances the conviction of sin was pungent and protracted, in others the work of grace was wrought so speedily that it might almost be said the Lord was found of those who sought Him not. The only additions to the ordinary means of grace were a meeting for inquirers each week, and a prayer meeting for male and another for female converts. While very intense feeling was manifested at many of the meetings, there was a singular freedom from unhealthy excitement. The work was powerful but quiet. The majority of the subjects of it were young and had previously led virtuous lives, but there were some striking displays of divine power and grace upon persons of a different character. The number of hopeful converts was nearly sixty, and most of them have already united with the church. This revival has increased the resident membership fifty per cent., and has fully doubled the working power of the church." The church at Irasburgh has received twenty-five new members. The pastor writes: "For some two years God has been graciously manifesting Himself to us in the silent dew and the gentle shower. The still small voice is still whispering, 'this is the way, walk ye in it.' While there is no excitement that might awaken the attention of a stranger, our meetings often give evidence that God is waiting to be gracious. We are beginning to feel that there is no good reason why a revival should subside, for we have the gracious promise, '*keep my commandments*, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter *that he may abide with you forever*.' During the year our church has been advancing towards a healthier and more efficient condition." The report also mentions that the Society have added $100 to the salary of the pastor, and are preparing to expend $2500 in repairs upon the house of worship. The church in Lowell is growing in grace, and slowly increasing in numbers. Ten have been added this year. A meeting in an outlying district, which is connected with a Mission Sabbath School has resulted in the hopeful conversion of twelve or more. The church in Greensboro has been afflicted by the death of its two oldest deacons, who, after being associated in this office for a third of a century, died within twenty-four hours of each other. The congregation has been about thirty per cent. larger than the year before. The church in Craftsbury still feels the influence of the revival of last year. There has been a constant growth not only in numbers, but also in steadfastness, zeal and unity. The recent converts, with hardly an exception, run well, and many of them are remarkably active, growing Christians. Efforts have been made to reach those who do not attend church, and

eight of those who have been gathered into the church are of this class, and are now shining lights. The church in Albany has completed a house of worship and secured a minister. The church in Brighton, although without a minister, have maintained a Sabbath School with a good degree of interest. At Barton a parsonage has been built, $200 added to the salary of the pastor, and the congregation increased to the full capacity of the house of worship. A parsonage has been purchased at Charleston. The church in Glover has been much refreshed, thirteen members have been added, and others are expected soon. The church in Derby is in a feeble state, and that at Morgan is hopeful. A pastor has been settled at Newport, and twelve gathered into the church, as the result of a very interesting season of religious interest.

The three churches in *Lancaster Association* are supplied with ministers, and are apparently in a good condition. The pastor at Granby says "that certain old difficulties in the church have been mostly removed, and that there has been a revival interest for more than a year." He adds, "it should be remembered that the people here are few." The church in Guildhall recently received to its communion a man eighty-three years of age. "It was an interesting occasion to the church, and to his children to the third generation." Interesting also to us as an illustration of the fitness of the gospel to reach the aged.

The thirteen churches in *Caledonia Association* all maintain public worship, and have added one hundred and four new members within the year. The pastor of St. Johnsbury, 1st, writes: "There was deep religious interest through the winter and spring, and some twenty hopeful conversions, nearly all young people. We expect to receive twelve or fifteen into the church at the next communion." There has been more religious interest in Hardwick than for many years. The church was much quickened during the week of prayer. Fourteen now members have been received on profession of their faith, nearly all of whom are heads of families. The Christian Association in Peacham has done a quiet and good work. There were a few hopeful conversions during the week of prayer. The church in Danville was much quickened during the winter, under the labors of Prof. Webber. A weekly prayer meeting was established and well sustained, and there were a number of hopeful conversions. In Cabot an attempt has been made to sustain religious meetings in each district in town. The result has been an increase in the congregation, in the Sabbath School, and an increase of religious interest especially in the church. In Barnet there was some religious interest in connection with the week of prayer.

For the purpose of following county lines more nearly, I have grouped together the twelve churches in *Orange Association*, and the seven Orange county churches in *Royalton Association*. These nineteen

churches, five of which have been destitute a part or the whole of the year, have received about two hundred members by profession during the year. Seven of them report revivals. The pastor at Wells River writes: "We have been wonderfully blessed the past winter in this parish. We had so few Christian men a year ago, so very few family altars —in our village especially—and so few to take any part in our social meetings, that we appreciate the change the more highly. Almost every week for some months we had precious additions to the number who were willing to stand up for the Lord. Our social meetings are now very fully attended and well sustained." Between fifty and sixty seem to have become Christians, thirty-three of whom have united with the church, and many others are expecting to do so before long. The church in Fairlee has also been blessed with a season of refreshing. "It commenced about the middle of January with a series of meetings appointed and conducted with this object in view. The work has been especially among the young men. The work still continues. Eighteen have been added to the church." The church in West Fairlee has also been greatly quickened, and some of the impenitent have been led to Christ. Seven have united with the church, and others are expecting to do so soon. The congregation at Thetford has increased very much, and there have been a few hopeful conversions, and fourteen have been added to the church. The minister at Post Mills writes: "During the past year we have enjoyed a revival of religion such as was never witnessed in this place before. Indeed there has been no special interest in religion here for thirty years. We have already received thirty-two by profession, twenty of whom are heads of families. Nearly as many more, including children, hope that they have become Christians. The place is very much changed, so that it would be scarcely recognized. New life has been infused into everything pertaining to the cause of Christ." The Congregationalists have purchased the whole of the union meeting house, and will soon put it into thorough repair. There is still a good degree of religious interest, and some conversions from time to time. In Bradford twenty-seven have been added to the church, the fruits in part of the revival of last year. In Vershire the state of religion is very low, the church is sadly divided, and has been without preaching the larger part of the year. The pastor at Chelsea writes: "We have had a very precious revival during the year. The congregation and Sabbath School have increased in numbers. Thirty-four have been added to the church by profession, and the church has entered upon a new era in its history." Father Nichols, the patriarch of the ministers of the State, writes that he "talks a part of the day, and a sermon is read the other part, every Sabbath." The house of worship at West Randolph has been re-built and re-furnished at an expense of $7500.

The person who has been preaching to the 2d church in Brookfield is now preaching for the Universalists at Northfield, and that church is supplied by a theological student. They report that "it will take a faithful preacher a long while to repair the injury which has been done by the preaching of error." The recent history of that church, and of some others in the State, ought to lead to the adoption of efficient measures for protecting the churches from being imposed upon by persons who have no right to claim a standing as orthodox ministers.

The Windsor County Conference includes twenty-four churches, all of which have sustained public worship regularly but two. The additions by profession have been two hundred and fifty-seven, and there has been a net gain of more than two hundred. Every church, excepting Barnard and Bridgewater, reports some additions. Beginning at the north end of the county, the church in Rochester has been greatly quickened and thirty hopeful conversions are reported. There has been a good degree of religious interest at Stockbridge, and also at Bethel. The church in Barnard is still without a minister, and is likely soon to become extinct. The church at Royalton is still afflicted by the ill health of its pastor. The new church recently organized in the south part of this parish is erecting a house of worship. The church in Pomfret was much quickened by observing the week of prayer, and there has been an increase of interest at the meetings since. Thirteen have been added to this church by profession. The church in Sharon has been more prosperous than usual. The "week of prayer was a most solemn and blessed season. The Spirit of God was manifestly moving upon the minds of the people. Sinners were inquiring the way of life, and a few joyfully received Christ." The protracted illness of the minister was unfavorable to the continuance of the work, but five have been added to the church, and there are others waiting to come forward. The pastor at Norwich writes "that the church is increasing in spirituality and in activity. Meetings are held in the outlying districts by the young men." The church in Hartford rejoices in the consistent lives of those who were added to it as the fruits of the revival a year ago. There have been eight additions by profession this year. Four neighborhood meetings have been sustained by the members of the church. The minister of the church in West Hartford writes that "about the middle of January there were evident tokens of the divine presence and favor in our social meetings. A solemn stillness and close attention pervaded them. Twenty-five or more have declared their love for Christ, and twelve families have commenced family worship. Fifteen persons—most of them young—have united with the church, and six or eight others will probably do so soon. Two Sabbath Schools are sustained in the outlying districts." The Sabbath School in Hartland has received a new impulse, and has in-

creased in numbers and in interest. The pastor of the church at Woodstock writes: "Late in the fall the members of the church began to offer earnest prayer for the conversion of sinners. The prayers became pointed and definite, and seemed to be offered in faith. The week preceding the week of prayer showed very evident tokens of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The impenitent began to ask an interest in the prayers of Christians. Meetings were held every day for two months, either in the church or in some district outside the village. About fifty persons sooner or later found life and peace through Christ. Most of them were between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five. Forty-six have united with the church. The interest is still deep. It seems to be clear that the church will take higher ground in respect to personal holiness and Christian activity. The Lord has greatly blessed us, and we feel grateful and humble, and desire to walk softly before Him and to do His will." The church in Windsor has received twenty-three members, sixteen by profession, the fruits in part of the ordinary religious efforts of the year. During the week of prayer, Christians were awakened to a more lively sense of divine things, and were led to use more earnest efforts to secure the tokens of the divine favor. The prayers of a number of Christian wives were answered in the conversion of their husbands. A number of young persons became the hopeful subjects of renewing grace, and one of the remote districts of the town was especially pervaded by a religious interest. The church in Weathersfield Centre has been greatly afflicted by the sudden death of its beloved pastor. There was a quiet religious interest in that parish in the Fall, which resulted in the addition of eleven to the church. There has been a healthful growth in the church at Weathersfield, East; meetings have been well sustained, and five have been added to the church. The church in Plymouth has received twelve members, four of them by profession; and that township has been pervaded by a quiet work of grace during the winter, resulting in the hopeful conversion of twenty or twenty-five persons, some of whom are expecting soon to connect themselves with the church. There was an increase of religious interest at Ludlow and a few conversions during the winter. The church in Chester has been favored with a revival of religion, commencing in the spring and continuing through the summer and fall. Rev. Mr. Earl visited the place in October, and the work seemed to receive a new impulse. Thirty-three have been admitted to the church by profession.

The most extensive revival in this part of the State has been at Springfield. "It came suddenly," the pastor writes, "but not unexpectedly. A large number in the church had been earnestly praying for months, and confidently expecting to see the house of God filled with praying and inquiring souls, and that sinners might be brought to the Saviour. In

two or three instances the feeling was similar to that of Simeon of old; they could not depart till they had seen the salvation of God. One of these aged disciples was brought to Christ under the ministry of Dr. Payson, and his mantle seems to have fallen upon her. Prayer has been the leading instrumentality used by pastor and people. In the presentation of divine truth such topics as these have been discussed: God's relation to us; our relation to God; universal and entire depravity; consequences of sin; what God has done to prevent the consequences of sin; what we can do to prevent the consequences of sin; the sinner's excuses; the mercy of God, what it does and what it does not secure to men. Special prominence has been given to meetings for prayer, so modified as to secure the active participation of advanced Christians and beginners. Besides the regular church prayer meeting the young men have sustained one in the lecture room, and in connection with the Christian Association, three meetings each week have been sustained outside the village. Two ladies prayer meetings have also been well attended. Monday evening of each week we hold what we have called a pastor's meeting, the object of which was personal conversation and prayer with and for inquirers and beginners in the Christian life, and answers to practical questions which are proposed. Among those who have obtained hope in Christ some have been very deeply distressed on account of sin; but generally the Lord has cut short His work, and almost in a day turned hardened sinners to himself. Experiences in most cases have been full of joy, and continue so. We attribute this largely to the fact that so many of the converts have gone at once, and very vigorously, to work for Christ. Their labors have been very greatly blest. More than one hundred we hope have found Christ. Sixty-three have united with the church. Some twenty family altars have been erected. At one communion five entire families came forward either to unite with the church, or to be consecrated to God in baptism, the heads of which a few months before were stoutly wedded to error. The work has been almost entirely void of excitement. Our meetings are still large, and new cases of interest still cheer our faith."

The twenty-four churches in *Windham Association* report the addition of 200 members by profession. Seven of the churches are destitute. There has been an extensive work of grace at Saxton's River, and about eighty hopeful conversions. Forty-two have united with the Congregational Church. The pastor writes that the church had been in a low state, with some alienations of feeling among Christians. During the fall there was an increase of religious feeling in the church. Some of the most sincere, child-like confessions of sin were made by some of the leading members of the church that I ever heard. The hearts of all who witnessed them were melted, and the spirit of confession spread. In

November, Rev. Mr. Earl held a series of meetings and the work became general. Since that time it has continued. There has been little unhealthy excitement. Young men and others, have stood up, and with perfect calmness and deliberation expressed *the conviction of their judgment*, of their need of Christ, and have said 'pray that I may become a Christian.' The change in the Christian life of some, long in the service of Christ, is very marked. And this work in Christians has seemed to be the means of reaching sinners."

The church in Westminster West has received thirty-six new members. The beginning of that work of grace is traced to a blind boy, the youngest member of the church, who, returning from the institution for the blind, and feeling dissatisfied with the state of religion, suggested that a meeting of the brethren be called to consult on the subject. Others became interested, until the whole church was aroused, and the Holy Spirit came down with power. The converts are of all ages from eleven to sixty, but a large proportion are heads of families. Conviction of sin has been deep, and the converts have come out decidedly on the Lord's side. No means were used except the preaching of the gospel by the pastor, and the prayers and labors of the members of the church. There are fifteen new family altars, and more than fifty hopeful converts.

The church in Windham "observed the week of prayer with much interest, and there were ten or twelve hopeful conversions. Among these were some very promising young men." The house of worship in Putney has been repaired at an expense of $4000. A few it is hoped have been led to the Saviour during the winter. In Wilmington there was an increase of religious interest during the winter, and twenty-five or thirty hopeful conversions. The old union church, so called, at West Dover, has reörganized as a Congregational Church, but it is without a minister.

The new church in Cambridgeport has been favored with the special influences of the Spirit, and twenty or thirty are rejoicing in hope. The moral condition of the place is greatly changed. There has been an increase of religious interest in Stratton, and some ten or twelve hopeful conversions. Eighteen have been added to the church in Londonderry and nine in Peru. The pastor at West Brattleboro writes: "The formation of a Young Men's Christian Association has seemed to give new life to our church. Our meetings are better attended than ever before. In place of the afternoon service on Sunday, we have a prayer meeting, and two or three meetings in remote districts. The Sabbath School has increased in numbers and in interest. Sixteen have been received to the church."

NEW CHURCHES.

The number of churches has been increased by five. A church of nine members was organized at East Dorset, October 1; one of twenty-five members at South Royalton, January 16; one of eighteen members, the next day, at West Dover; one of twenty-one members, April 16, at Cambridgeport; and May 21, since the close of the Convention year, a church was organized at North Bennington.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Pastors have been dismissed from the churches in Benson, Woodstock, West Rutland, Morristown, the First Church in Burlington, the churches in Westfield, St. Albans, Bristol, Waitsfield, Middlebury, Strafford, Danville, Dummerston and Charlotte,—fourteen in all.

Pastors have been installed over the churches in Newport, Chester, Cornwall, Bratleboro, West Rutland, Woodstock, Dummerston, Bristol, Brownington, Benson, Grafton, the First Church in Burlington, and the First Church and Third Church in St. Johnsbury,—fourteen in all.

Two ministers have been ordained without pastoral charge,—both within the limits of Lamoille Association.

Three ministers have died,—one of them a pastor.

Rev. NELSON BARBOUR was born in Bridport, Vt., Oct. 8, 1805, was graduated at Middlebury College in 1831, and at Andover in 1834; was ordained and installed as pastor at Saxton's River in 1835, where he remained four years. He was afterwards installed at Dummerston, where he remained seven years; preached three years at Langdon, N. H.; was installed at Wolfboro, N. H.; preached at Cunningham, Mass., Jamaica Vt., Sullivan, N. H., West Fairlee, Vt., and last of all at Georgia, Vt., where he labored about one year, and died very suddenly July 31, 1867, after thirty-three years of ministerial service. He was an earnest, faithful, self-denying home missionary, sound in the faith, plain, sometimes blunt, yet gentle to all. He loved music,—loved Christ, and all good men.

Rev. JOSEPH TORREY, S. T. D, was born at Rowley, Mass., February 2, 1797, was graduated at Dartmouth College, 1816, and at Andover, 1819, —was ordained and installed at Royalton, Vt., August, 1824, where he was a laborious and successful pastor. The church under his ministry was granted a very powerful revival of religion, the most extensive it has ever experienced. He was elected Professor of Languages and Belles Lettres in the University of Vermont, March 28, 1827, was transferred to the chair of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy at the death of Dr. MARSH in 1842, was elected President of the University in 1862, which office he resigned in 1866, and died November 26, 1867.

The degree of S. T. D. was conferred upon him by Harvard College in 1850.

It would be out of place for me to speak of the character and services of such a man in this Convention,—where there are so many who have been his pupils. He was regarded by all of us who have shared his instructions, with that singular blending of veneration and affection, which is, perhaps, the highest tribute we can pay to the great and good while they live ; and which makes any words of eulogy seem too poor and weak after they are dead. The world knew Prof. TORREY as a laborious and successful Christian scholar, but those who came nearest to him knew him as an humble, trustful disciple of Christ, who was more remarkable for the beautiful simplicity of his private character and life, than even for the extent of his learning, or the profoundness of his philosophy.

Rev. ALVAH SPALDING was born in Townsend, Mass., Sept. 9, 1807—graduated at Amherst College, 1831, and Andover, 1834, was installed pastor of the church in Cornish, N. H., 1835, where he labored faithfully for almost thirty years. He was dismissed in 1865, and installed the same year at Weathersfield Centre, where he died May 11, 1868. Mr. SPAULDING was well known to us who live in that vicinity as an earnest biblical preacher,—a faithful pastor,—an eminently good man. He died very suddenly; the call coming at midnight; and he had only time to say, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit," and fell asleep.

SUMMING UP OF THE STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The whole number of churches is 195, five more than last year. The whole membership of these churches 18,328, an average of ninety-four members to each church. The aggregate of the "average congregations" is 22,760, making the average congregation for each church 117 nearly. We have no reports which show how many different persons are reached regularly by the preaching of the gospel in our churches. It is evidently much larger than this aggregate of "average attendance." One hundred and sixty-six churches, (with a membership of 16,221,) report the number of families connected with their congregations at 10,707. If we may take this ratio as the basis of an estimate for the twenty-nine churches which remain, (with a membership of 2,107,) we have in those congregations 1,391 families, which added to the number given above, gives a total of 12,098 families which may be considered as belonging to our congregations. If we take the average number of persons in families as four, we have in 12,098 families 48,392 persons,—that is a little more than twice the aggregate of "average congregations." It is probably true that in most parishes, only about one-half the actual members of the congregation will be present on any one Sabbath. If we

how many are very young and very aged, and how many are detained by the care of these, and how much the attendance at church is affected by the state of the weather, this estimate will not appear unreasonable. We may estimate, therefore, that from one-seventh to one-sixth of the whole population of the State is connected with our congregations. This gives us as our immediate field of labor a population already included within our congregations three times as large as our resident church membership. Assuredly we have ample room for a healthful growth; and the fact that many people emigrate from Vermont is no reason why we may not expect extensive revivals of religion, and a great increase in our numbers.

The most important inquiry for those who would learn the real state of religion among us is, whether the children and youth connected with our families and congregations are brought into the churches. In answer to this vital question, 166 churches, with a membership of 16,132, report that the number of members in their churches, who are below the age of thirty years, is 3,262, which is about one-fifth the whole number. If the twenty-nine churches, (with 2,196 members,) which do not answer this question, have an equal proportion of members under thirty, we have in all our churches 3,701 members who are not yet thirty years of age. When we consider that much the larger proportion of those who become Christians do so before they reach that age, it is plain that the proportion of one in five is very much below the natural proportion. What a commentary is furnished by this fact upon the real usefulness of our much praised Sabbath School system. And does not the fact of the very small proportion of young persons in our churches show that the most urgent want at this time is a method of bringing religious truth to bear effectually upon children and youth? If we fail to do this we cannot expect either to receive the favor of our Lord, or to build up His churches. At this time there is no practical point which claims the attention of Christians so urgently. And perhaps we shall find in the end that we must place our main reliance upon *parental instruction and influence in the family.*

The number of pastors is eighty-one, the same as last year, although one pastor who then ministered to two churches now confines his labors to one. The number of acting pastor is seventy-two, making the number of ministers 153. They have under their charge 154 churches. Six churches are under the care of licentiates, making 160 churches which are supplied with regular ministerial service, and leaving thirty-five churches destitute. Yet many of the destitute churches are supplied in part by the Itinerant Department of the V. D. M. Society.

Beside the eighty-one pastors and seventy-two acting pastors, we have fifty-five ministers without charges, making 208 in all.

GENERAL RESULTS.

The whole number added to the churches is 2,062. Of these, 1,458 were received by profession and 604 by letter. The number removed by death, dismission and discipline is 946, leaving a net gain of 1,116. Many of the churches have revised their lists of members during the year, and by this process have diminished their reported membership by 314, so that with an actual increase of 1,116 members, we report only 802 more than a year ago.

The number in the Sabbath Schools is a little below 20,000 and the amount of benevolent contributions is about $40,000.

CONCLUSION.

These reports from the churches probably give a fair view of the progress which has been made during the year. Those who have come from scenes of revival, will say that the half has not been told of what God has been doing for His people, while those who have come from less favored sections may feel that these reports present too flattering a view of the condition of the churches. It is not all light,—it is not all dark. But it is plain that we have had, as a State, peculiar tokens of the Divine favor.

In summing up the results of the year, we should notice especially the *simplicity of the means* which have been so evidently owned of God. The kingdom of God has not come with observation. In a few instances we hear of the labors of evangelists; but the largest blessings have been granted to the labors of pastors and churches.

Another important point has been the development of the active power of the churches. Great prominence is given in the reports to the work of Young Men's Christian Associations. Yet these Associations have been simply a means of developing the power of the churches. And one very noticeable feature in the work which is going forward is the effort to reach the people who do not attend public worship. In various sections of the State, combined and successful efforts have been made to bring this class of people under the influence of the gospel. And there can be no doubt that in the present condition of the people of Vermont, this is a very urgent work. And it is a work for the laymen. Either in associations outside of the church, or perhaps, better still, by working under the organization of the church itself, we have a great work to do for the tens of thousands who keep themselves aloof from the ordinary means of grace.

We may well praise the Lord for what He has done for us; and instructed by a review of the past, we may go forth in a more hopeful and prayerful spirit to the work which remains to be done.

E. H. BYINGTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Windsor, Vt., June 15, 1868.

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

CHURCHES FORMED.

1867, Oct.	1	East Dorset	9 members.
1868, Jan.	16	South Royalton	25 members.
Jan.	17	West Dover	18 members.
Apr.	16	Cambridgeport	21 members.
May	21	North Bennington	

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1867, Nov.	26	George H. Bailey	at	Newport.
1868, Jan.	1	Edward T. Fairbanks	at	St. Johnsbury First.
Feb.	6	Edward H. Griffin	at	Burlington First.
Feb.	26	David Shurtleff	at	Brownington.
March	11	George P. Byington	at	Benson.
March	11	Earl J. Ward	at	Grafton.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

1867, Aug.	8	Rev. Charles E. Lord	at	Chester.
Oct.	2	Rev. Seagrove W. Magill	at	Cornwall.
	3	Rev. Nathaniel Mighill	at	Brattleboro.
	17	Rev. Geo. L. Gleason	at	West Rutland.
Dec.	5	Rev. A. B. Dascomb	at	Woodstock.
	18	Rev. Augustus Chandler	at	Dummerston.
	24	Rev. Amzi B. Lyon	at	Bristol.
1868, Jan.	2	Rev. John P. Humphrey	at	St. Johnsbury Third.

ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

1867, Dec.	31	M. B. Page	at	Johnson.
1868, Jan.	15	John C. Houghton	at	Morristown.

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

1867, May	21	Rev. William S. Smart	from	Benson.
June	12	Rev. J. Clement, D. D	from	Woodstock.
June	—	Rev. Henry M. Grout	from	West Rutland.
July	31	Rev. Lyman Bartlett	from	Morristown.
Aug.	20	Rev. Eldridge Mix	from	Burlington First.
Aug.	20	Rev. Azro A. Smith	from	Westfield.
Sept.	4	Rev. John Q. Bittinger	from	St. Albans First.
Oct.	—	Rev. George M. Gleason	from	Bristol.
	31	Rev. A. B. Dascomb	from	Waitsfield.
Nov.	1	Rev. James T. Hyde	from	Middlebury.
	13	Rev. Augustus Chandler	from	Strafford.
	12	Rev. John Eastman	from	Danville.
Dec.	18	Rev. B. F. Foster	from	Dummerston.
1868, Jan.	29	Rev. C. M. Seton	from	Charlotte.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1867, July	31	Rev. Nelson Barbour	at	Georgia.
Nov.	26	Prof. Joseph Torrey, D. D	at	Burlington.
1868, May	11	Rev. Alvah Spaulding	at	Weathersfield.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

The Statistical Year ends the First Sabbath in May.

1. ADDISON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. H. F. LEAVITT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	In'f'nt				
Addison	Nov. 24, 1804	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	0
Bridport	June 30, 1790	W. W. Winchester,	P.	Mar. 23, 1854	1867	40	94	134	47	10	0	1	1	5	2	0	7	1	0	150	250	$78 51	110
Bristol	July 8, 1805	Amzi B. Lyon,	P.	Feb., 1858	1867	29	50	79	9	20	7	6	13	0	3	0	3	3	0	138	100	68 60	70
Cornwall	July 15, 1785	S. W. Magill,	P.	1836	1867	59	111	170	26	27	25	3	28	2	3	0	5	14	8	200	0	283 00	100
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 26, 1824	Harvey F. Leavitt,	A. P.	May, 1830	1867	9	27	36	4	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	75	110 00	42
Middlebury	Sept. 5, 1790	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	147	248	395	44	100	14	9	23	2	8	0	10	6	0	200	350	530 45	150
New Haven	Sept. 20, 1800	Calvin B. Hulbert,	P.	Oct. 20, 1859	1859	99	172	271	36	100	79	13	92	1	5	0	6	48	4	140	225	325 00	130
Orwell	1789	Lewis A. Austin,	P.	June 26, 1862	1862	78	109	187	24	62	9	3	12	4	3	0	7	9	1	200	149	324 78	80
Ripton	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent,	P.	Oct. 22, 1828	1863	26	37	63	22	20	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	45	45	63 73	25
Salisbury	Feb. 8, 1804	Eben Smith,	A. P.	1845	1867	16	32	48	9	4	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	74	125	25 00	35
Shoreham	Mar. 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	P.	Dec. 28, 1859	1864	38	85	123	10	7	16	2	18	3	6	0	9	8	0	125	150	186 60	68
Vergennes	Sept. 17, 1793	Henry A.P.Torrey,	P.	May 3, 1865	1865	52	123	175	27	....	3	4	7	8	4	0	12	1	0	100	166	699 70	110
Weybridge	June 20, 1794	H. D. Kitchel, D.D.	A. P.	Feb. 10, 1839	1867	23	46	74	3	27	24	0	24	2	2	0	4	9	3	70	65	.....	24
13		8 Pastors, 3 A. P.				621	1134	1755	261	385	184	41	225	27	36	0	63	105	16	1492	1700	$2694 77	944

Ministers without charge—Joseph Steele, Prof. Webber, N. Z. Graves, S. W. Cozzens, D. D., Middlebury; Solon Albee, Otto S. Hoyt, New Haven; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Ordained—A. B. Lyon, Dec. 24, 1867; S. W. Magill, Oct., 1867, Cornwall.

Dismissed—James T. Hyde, Nov. 1, 1867; G. L. Gleason, 1867.

2. BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Admit	In'fant				
East Arlington..	Nov. 2, 1843	Wm. O. Baldwin,	A. P.	Nov. 10, 1854	1866	13	28	41	10	0	2	5	7	1	1	0	2	2	0	90	100	$35 50	....
Bennington 1st..	1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	June 7, 1843	1853	60	147	207	17	0	2	0	2	11	2	0	13	1	2	100	150	567 66	....
Bennington 2d...	1836	C. H. Hubbard,	A. P.	Feb., 1848	1851	96	134	230	15	....	3	0	3	5	1	0	6	2	0	225	275	658 36	75
Bennington N'th.	May 21, 1868	Leavitt Bartlett,	A. P.	July 27, 1865	1868	9	18	27	0	5	2	25	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	125	0 00	75
Dorset.....	1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	Sept., 1847	1856	36	71	107	16	22	6	2	8	2	3	0	5	4	1	150	175	333 66	85
East Dorset.....	1867	F. W. Olmsted,	A. P.	July, 1848	1867	2	8	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	70	90	20 00	50
Manchester.....	1784	R. S. Cushman,	P.	Dec., 1843	1862	66	139	205	16	60	22	8	30	3	9	0	12	18	7	200	225	376 37	75
Pownal.....	May 21, 1851	G. L. Cook, (Meth.)	A. P.	.....	1868	6	23	29	6	7	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	60	75	.....	50
Rupert.....	1786	J. B. Clark,	A. P.	1838	1857	29	68	97	5	32	6	0	6	1	4	0	5	2	0	80	90	181 00	45
Sandgate.....	1782	W. C. Bowen,	A. P.	.....	1866	4	9	13	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	30	50	5 00	30
10		3 Pastors. 7 A. P.				321	645	966	87	127	43	40	83	26	23	0	49	33	10	1105	1365	$2177 55	485

Ministers without charge—James Anderson, J. D. Wickham, D. D., J. W. Brown, Manchester; R. C. Hand, Brooklyn, N. Y.

3. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. J. TORREY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than $0.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Barnet, (M. I. F.)	Oct. 22, 1829	Moses B. Bradford	A. P.	Nov., 1827	1859	26	81	107	30	....	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	120	200	.....	80
Barnet.....	Sept. 14, 1858	Lyman S. Watts,	A. P.	Feb. 7, 1866	1867	21	66	87	10	18	13	13	26	0	4	0	4	6	6	192	140	$158 61	90
Burke.....	March 1, 1807	Daniel Ladd,	A. P.	.....	1868	23	36	59	22	12	1	4	5	2	0	0	2	1	0	50	75	32 33	24
Cabot.....	Oct. 25, 1801	S. F. Drew,	P.	Oct. 18, 1857	1860	53	92	145	21	32	12	5	17	1	6	0	7	5	6	120	168	175 00	60
Danville.....	Aug., 1792	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	37	73	110	35	15	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	100	150	30 00	75
Hardwick	July 29, 1803	Joseph Torrey,	P.	May 30, 1860	1860	38	76	114	13	34	14	2	16	4	4	0	8	12	0	180	130	286 86	76
Lyndon.....	Nov. 30, 1817	Moses H. Wells,	A. P.	Nov. 19, 1845	1866	21	69	90	21	11	4	0	4	4	3	0	7	2	0	100	140	196 07	75
Peacham.....	April 14, 1792	Perrin B. Fisk,	P.	Oct. 1, 1863	1866	86	159	245	45	44	27	2	29	7	9	0	16	17	8	300	350	429 68	100
St. Johnsbury 1st	Nov. 21, 1809	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	Jan. 1, 1868	1868	23	63	86	17	....	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	110	.....	61
St. Johnsbury 3d.	Nov. 25, 1840	J. P. Humphrey.	P.	Feb. 3, 1847	1868	33	45	78	20	7	9	1	10	0	2	0	2	4	3	115	150	110 00	58
St. Johnsbury N.	Oct. 7, 1825	E. C. Cummings,	P.	Mar. 17, 1858	1860	109	197	306	75	....	4	5	9	6	6	0	12	2	1	315	244	3,147 00	125
St. Johnsbury S.	Oct. 23, 1851	Lewis O. Brastow.	P.	Jan. 10, 1861	1861	70	124	194	47	39	17	9	26	2	11	0	13	11	3	230	265	3,162 05	140
Waterford.....	May 30, 1798	Dan'l McClenning,	A. P.	April 28, 1852	1866	43	61	104	29	22	2	3	5	3	4	0	7	0	3	126	130	89 25	50
13		7 Pastors, 5 A. P.				583	1142	1725	385	231	104	46	150	33	53	0	86	61	30	1948	2252	$7,816 85	1014

Ministers without charge—W. W. Thayer, St. Johnsbury.

Installed—E. T. Fairbanks, 1st Church, St. Johnsbury, Jan. 1, 1868; John P. Humphrey, 3d Church, St. Johnsbury, Jan. 2, 1868.

Dismissed—John Eastman, Danville, Nov. 12, 1867.

4. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. J. G. Bailey.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. less than 30.	Admitted Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Removed. Dea'th	Dism	Exc.	Total	Bap'ms Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
Cambridge.....	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	P.	Jan. 23, 1856	1855	18	24	42	....	....	0	12	12	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	100	$160 00	55
Eden.....	Oct. 25, 1812	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	4	8	12	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hydepark.....	March 5, 1863	J. G. Bailey,	P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1862	7	19	26	3	6	3	1	4	3	0	0	3	3	0	*115	90	78 80	65
North Hydepark.	Sept. 9, 1858	J. G. Bailey,	A. P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1862	11	22	33	5	4	2	1	3	1	2	...	3	1	0	*60	70	40 00	40
Johnson.....	Sept. 20, 1817	M. B. Page,	A. P.	Dec. 31, 1867	1867	37	77	114	32	7	3	6	9	0	6	0	6	1	1	212	190	200 00	100
Morristown.....	July 14, 1807	John C. Houghton,	A. P.	Jan. 15, 1868	1867	36	61	97	24	10	1	8	9	2	1	0	3	0	0	100	125	.....	50
Stowe.....	Nov. 21, 1818	James T. Ford,	P.	Nov. 25, 1857	1856	30	70	100	20	39	8	6	14	3	9	1	13	4	2	145	125	230 53	80
Waterville.....	Feb. 25, 1823	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	3	10	13	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	70	13 00	40
Wolcott.....	June 11, 1818	Horace Herrick,	A. P.	Sept., 1844	....	18	34	52	11	....	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	60	80	38 00	....
9		3 Pastors, 4 A. P.				164	325	489	99	67	20	25	45	13	21	1	35	10	3	815	850	$750 35	430

* Union Schools.

G. F. Montgomery and Lyman Bartlett, Missionaries to Turkey.

***Ordained.*—M. B. Page and J. C. Houghton.** ***Dismissed.*—Lyman Bartlett.**

5. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. James Laird.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. less than 30.	Admitted Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Removed. Dea'th	Dism	Exc.	Total	Bap'ms Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
Granby & Victory, ...	1825	Jeremiah Glines,	A. P.	Jan. 7, 1827	1859	17	29	46	2	10	4	3	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	60	$54 40	20
Guildhall.....	1799	James Laird,	P.	Mar. 15, 1866	1866	26	42	68	17	4	2	3	5	0	1	1	2	1	0	60	90	118 29	55
Lunenburg.....	1802	James R. Bourne,	P.	Feb. 8, 1859	1867	48	91	139	24	42	3	5	8	4	2	1	7	3	3	141	150	76 00	65
3		2 Pastors, 1 A. P.				91	162	253	43	56	9	11	20	5	3	2	10	4	3	246	300	$248 69	140

6. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. P. F. Barnard.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev'l'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Barre	Nov. 14, 1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1845	1868	35	100	135	31	10	3	1	4	6	8	0	14	0	0	170	175	$388 00	115
Berlin	Oct. 17, 1798	E. I. Carpenter,	A. P.	Dec. 12, 1842	1867	17	50	67	12	11	6	6	12	0	0	0	0	4	0	125	100	308 34	53
Berlin West	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone,	A. P.	Jan. 21, 1829	1864	3	10	13	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	75	0 00	....
Duxbury	Jan. 18, 1836	D. M. S. 22 weeks.	.....	.....	....	11	13	24	13	5	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	2	2	40	60	68 00	34
Marshfield	May 18, 1826	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	7	8	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 00	0
Montpelier	July 20, 1808	W. H. Lord, D. D.,	P.	Sept. 21, 1847	1847	161	242	403	70	45	7	6	13	1	5	0	6	4	4	275	375	650 00	....
Northfield	May 27, 1822	William S. Hazen,	P.	Oct. 12, 1864	1864	40	78	118	28	18	6	5	11	6	7	0	13	3	0	168	144	170 70	90
Plainfield	Jan. 5, 1826	Caleb M. Winch,	A. P.	June 29, 1853	1861	13	28	41	5	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	100	70	20 00	42
Roxbury	March, 1864	Alden Ladd,	P.	Feb. 15, 1865	1865	12	36	48	9	20	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	95	55 00	50
Waitsfield	June 27, 1796	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	43	89	132	20	37	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	5	125	125	82 35	80
Warren	1816	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	2	6	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	100	.....	45
Waterbury	July 10, 1801	J. Copeland,	A. P.	Nov. 14, 1844	1867	45	101	146	20	37	16	5	21	4	3	0	7	9	0	112	175	467 00	....
Williamstown	Aug. 13, 1795	Pliny F. Barnard,	P.	Jan. 14, 1847	1866	24	66	90	19	18	4	5	9	3	3	0	6	4	0	105	110	78 74	60
Worcester	Feb. 28, 1824	David Perry,	A. P.	Aug., 1828	1865	18	38	56	20	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	50	70	67 50	53
14		4 Pastors, 6 A. P.				431	865	1296	251	212	49	30	79	27	36	0	63	26	13	1545	1674	$2,360 63	522

Ministers without charge—C. S. Smith, Sec. Vt. D. Miss. Soc., Montpelier.

Dismissed—A. B. Dascomb, Waitsfield, Oct. 31, 1867.

7. NORTH-WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Alburgh	Feb. 18,	1824 Calvin B. Cady,	A. P.		1838	1851	14	42	56	6	12	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	200	$100 00	40
Bakersfield	July 3,	1811 George F. Wright,	P.	Aug. 26,	1863	1866	43	78	121	20	30	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	6	100	120	122 50	65
Berkshire East	Ju'y 15,	1820 Elias W. Hatch,	P.	Sept. 25,	1866	1866	17	28	45	5	7	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	100	75	86 40	35
Enosburgh	Oct. 11,	1811 Alfred B. Swift,	A. P.	Jan. 7,	1855	1861	54	67	121	22	34	2	2	4	3	7	0	11	0	4	140	100	380 00	40
Fairfield	Sept. 22,	1800 Daniel Wild,	A. P.	July 1,	1830	1867	8	18	26	5	6	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	40	60	25 00	30
Franklin	Oct. 11,	1817 Geo. M. Blodgett,	A. P.			1867	13	27	40	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	48	50	54 00	....
Georgia	Nov. 7,	1793 Israel H. Levings,	.....	Licentiate.		1868	28	62	90	16	16	10	0	10	2	1	0	3	6	0	70	90	65 87	43
Highgate	Oct. 28,	1811 Elam J. Comings,	A. P.	Sept.,	1841	1867	23	54	77	10	5	5	9	14	0	2	0	2	1	4	90	85	54 26	38
Montgomery	July 15,	1817 Sewall Paine,*	P.	Feb. 22,	1843	1843	17	37	54	4	14	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	0	36	45	8 00	30
North Hero	Nov. 18,	1862 Vacant.	.....	.....		....	3	4	7	0	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	24 65	....
Sheldon	July,	1816 George B. Tolman,	P.	July 10,	1862	1862	21	33	54	14	17	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	50	50	232 99	24
St. Albans 1st	Jan. 2,	1803 Vacant.†	.....	.....		....	82	159	241	20	53	34	9	43	4	4	0	8	12	2	232	375	1938 30	116
St. Albans 2d	May 26,	1841 Vacant.	.....	.....		....	14	22	36	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	....
Swanton	Jan. 4,	1800 Alonzo T. Deming,	P.	June 11,	1863	1866	38	86	124	22	10	0	10	10	2	3	0	5	0	4	101	110	361 90	48
14		5 Pastors, 6 A. P.					375	717	1092	165	207	63	32	101	20	33	0	54	26	22	1067	1385	$3,454 37	509

* The Pastor has been unable to preach for two years, on account of sickness—supplied at present (May, 1868) by a student, C. G. Southgate.

† Rev. Herman C. Riggs, Pastor elect.

Ministers without charge—Lyndon S. French, Franklin; Henry P. Hickok, Burlington.

Deceased—Nelson Barbour, Acting Pastor at Georgia.

Dismissed—J. Q. Bittinger, 1st Church, St. Albans, Sept. 4, 1867.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. Wm. S. Palmer.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removals.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Let'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Bradford	June 24,	1818 John K. Williams,	P.	Nov. 22, 1866	1866	45	130	175	42	33	27	4	31	6	9	0	15	18	1	160	175	$250 00	....
Corinth	Oct. 20,	1820 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	24	62	86	11	9	1	2	3	4	2	0	6	1	0	0	0	0 00	0
Fairlee	Feb. 28,	1833 Silas McKeen, D.D.	A. P.	Oct. 28, 1815	1866	17	39	56	3	17	18	5	23	0	1	0	1	16	0	100	150	50 00	50
Fairlee West	Dec. 9,	1809 Solon Martin,	A. P.	June 16, 1835	1866	29	64	93	21	19	7	0	7	3	1	0	4	5	1	75	112	64 33	20
Newbury		1764 Horatio N. Burton,	P.	Dec. 31, 1857	1857	37	122	159	18	24	5	3	8	2	2	0	4	3	2	100	200	630 00	90
Newbury West	Feb. 13,	1867 David Connell,	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1842	1865	8	21	29	0	2	6	2	8	1	0	0	1	3	0	75	95	58 00	40
Post Mills	Feb. 26,	1839 Charles Scott,	A. P.	Dec. 27, 1854	1865	24	50	74	3	18	32	3	35	2	1	0	3	30	0	80	135	108 00	78
Strafford	Nov. 19,	1820 Samuel Delano,	A. P.	March, 1827	1867	12	21	33	2	....	5	3	8	2	3	0	5	0	0	35	65	0 00	25
Thetford		1773 R. T. Searle,	A. P.	.....	1868	67	127	194	43	50	14	2	16	7	5	1	13	10	4	130	160	589 47	90
Vershire	July 14,	1787 Joseph Fuller,	A. P.	.....	1867	21	40	61	14	6	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	35	0 00	12
Washington		1800 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	0	0	0	0	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	....
Wells River	Jan. 13,	1842 William S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19, 1862	1862	36	102	138	26	30	33	3	36	3	4	0	7	25	3	218	210	460 48	125
12		3 Pastors, 7 A. P.				320	778	1098	183	208	152	27	179	31	29	1	61	115	11	973	1337	$2,210 28	530

Minister without charge—Isaac Hosford, North Thetford.

Dismissed—Augustus Chandler, Strafford.

9. ORLEANS ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. PLINY H. WHITE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. P'as.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Con'ced	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	15	23	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	0
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	Wm. A. Robinson,	P.	Jan. 11, 1866	1866	32	61	93	21	10	0	4	4	2	1	0	3	0	0	102	125	$80 00	70
Brighton	Oct. 5, 1841	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	12	20	6	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	50	60	0 00	30
Brownington	March 4, 1809	David Shurtliff,	P.	Feb. 26, 1868	1868	26	47	73	6	9	7	0	7	0	12	0	12	6	0	100	120	0 00	39
Charleston	May 14, 1844	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	15	42	57	13	12	0	9	9	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	100	126 84	40
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	Pliny H. White,	A. P.	Feb. 15, 1859	1858	51	91	142	10	57	50	3	53	4	4	0	8	27	6	225	165	325 19	85
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1865	42	91	133	11	44	13	2	15	6	3	0	9	10	6	165	142	212 52	77
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	John Rogers,	A. P.	June, 1861	1868	34	50	84	9	10	1	2	3	1	3	0	4	1	0	80	70	.....	52
Glover	July 12, 1817	S. K. B. Perkins,	P.	Jan. 11, 1860	1860	22	51	73	12	21	13	2	15	5	0	0	5	6	4	150	130	63 53	94
Greensboro	Nov. 25, 1806	Azel W. Wild,	P.	Oct. 26, 1864	1864	35	58	93	19	22	6	2	8	3	2	0	5	3	4	106	134	177 58	63
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	T. E. Ranney, / J. T. Howard.	A. P. / P.	May 1, 1814 / Jan 19, 1841	1867 / 1844	3	15	18	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	50	0 00	25
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	J. H. Woodward,	P.	Jan. 31, 1838	1864	53	67	120	20	39	25	0	25	2	2	1	5	15	0	125	130	115 00	60
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	Azro A. Smith,	P.	Feb. 11, 1864	1864	17	20	37	6	8	10	0	10	1	0	0	1	7	2	125	85	24 00	42
Morgan	Jan. 4, 1823	Asahel R. Gray, / Jacob S. Clark,	A. P. / P.	Nov. 13, 1844 / Jan. 11, 1827	1864 / 1827	11	23	34	8	4	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	80	75	24 30	60
Newport	Feb. 23, 1831	George H. Bailey,	P.	Nov. 26, 1867	1867	34	54	88	14	25	12	9	21	5	0	0	5	9	7	100	140	120 00	38
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	Dan'l H. Babcock,	A. P.	Nov. 7, 1839	1867	17	41	58	9	8	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	1	3	50	100	17 73	110
Troy South	Jan. 23, 1845	Daniel Goodhue,	A. P.	.....	1868	6	15	21	3	3	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	3	0	35	50	0 00	50
Westfield	April 19, 1818	Daniel Goodhue,	A. P.	.....	1868	20	40	60	9	19	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	0	102	100	20 00	45
18		10 Pastors, 6 A. P.				434	793	1227	185	294	146	35	181	34	39	1	74	91	32	1685	1776	$1,306 09	980

Ministers without charge—John W. H. Baker, Brighton; Samuel R. Hall, Brownington; R. V. Hall, Newport; George Stone, North Troy.

Ordained—George H. Bailey, Newport, Nov. 26, 1867; David Shurtliff, Brownington, Feb. 26, 1868.

Dismissed—Azro A. Smith, Westfield, Aug. 20, 1867.

10. ROYALTON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. T. Henry Johnson.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Con'vted.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. less than 30.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Barnard	May 15, 1782	Vacant.	.....	....	....	5	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	0
Bethel	July 25, 1817	T. Henry Johnson,	A. P.	Oct., 1852	1862	13	31	44	5	7	4	2	6	1	2	0	3	2	2	90	80	$77 00	55
Braintree 1st	Dec. 25, 1794	Ammi Nichols, / J. B. Griswold,	A. P. / A. P.	Sept 23, 1807 / Licentiate.	1866	15	19	34	9	9	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	40	46	20 00	18
Brookfield 1st	Sept. 23, 1785	Daniel Wild,	P.	July 1, 1830	1830	22	38	60	7	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	65	100	.....	50
Brookfield 2d	Nov. 16, 1848	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	25	37	62	12	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	100	150	15 00	60
Chelsea	April 10, 1789	William A. James,	P.	May 1, 1867	1867	59	108	167	10	25	34	12	46	1	1	0	2	30	1	140	165	225 00	78
Pittsfield	Sept. 17, 1803	Samuel Sparhawk,	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1839	1864	35	62	97	20	8	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	60	80	94 00	30
Randolph 1st	May 30, 1786	Dana B. Bradford,	P.	June 13, 1838	1866	40	64	104	20	15	2	7	9	1	3	0	4	2	0	100	125	75 00	40
Randolph West	Oct. 21, 1831	S. W. Dike,	.....	Licentiate.	1868	50	104	154	50	20	4	2	6	5	1	0	6	3	1	100	130	18 00	87
Rochester	Sept. 11, 1801	H. M. Holliday,	A. P.	March 1, 1866	1867	37	75	112	8	15	6	4	10	3	1	0	4	4	2	104	135	61 00	54
Royalton	Autumn, 1777	C. B. Drake, D.D. / James Caldwell,	P. / A. P.	Oct. 12, 1837 /	1837 / 1868	48	94	142	45	10	2	0	2	5	4	0	9	0	1	80	150	91 24	57
Royalton South	Jan. 16, 1868	D. W. Fox,	.....	Licentiate.	1868	10	15	25	1	7	10	15	25	0	0	0	0	10	0	62	75	16 00	28
Stockbridge 1st	Oct. 8, 1827	Thos. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	June, 1839	1864	15	50	65	8	6	7	0	7	2	3	0	3	3	2	73	78	.....	30
Tunbridge	Feb. 5, 1792	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	17	24	41	11	5	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	0	50	75	65 00	40
14		4 Pastors, 7 A. P.				391	726	1117	206	137	72	42	114	23	26	0	47	58	9	1064	1389	$757 24	627

Minister without charge—A. S. Swift, Pittsfield.

11. RUTLAND ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. JOHN G. HALE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs					Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amouut of Benevl'nt Contribu-tions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. less than $0.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Benson		1790 Geo. P. Byington.	P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1868	43	96	139	29	21	0	4	4	3	4	0	7	0	1	104	154	$185 37	70
Brandon	Sept. 23,	1785 Franklin Tuxbury,	P.	July 15, 1857	1865	61	123	184	29	37	11	5	16	7	0	0	7	8	1	142	150	408 68	100
Castleton		1784 Lewis Francis,	P.	Feb. 18, 1863	1864	71	149	220	50	48	2	0	2	6	15	0	21	0	0	116	175	983 69	98
Chittenden	June,	1834																					
Clarendon	Feb. 18,	1822 Wm. T. Herrick,	P.	May 28, 1851	1861	25	40	65	8	14	5	0	5	3	2	0	5	5	0	112	115	289 46	66
Fairhaven		1800 R. L. Herbert,	A. P.	July, 1854	1864	30	45	75	10	6	8	4	12	1	4	0	5	7	0	100	150	200 00	50
Hubbardton		1784 Calvin Granger,	A. P.	1834	1864	11	23	34	1	9	14	1	15	3	1	0	4	12	0	60	75	40 00	40
Middletown		1782				13	27	40	12	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	70	75	47 15	38
Pawlet		1781 Levi H. Stone,	A. P.	1839	1866	20	65	85	10	11	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	185	150	229 50	70
Pittsford	April 14,	1784 Myron A. Munson,	P.	May 31, 1866	1866	78	118	196	34	45	25	2	27	3	11	4	18	18	4	236	....	903 96	150
Poultney		1780 John G. Hale,	P.	Sept. 28, 1852	1860	46	88	134	17	30	15	8	23	3	1	0	4	7	4	82	125	133 57	75
Rutland		1788 N. Seaver, D. D.,	P.	Aug. 29, 1860	1860	140	295	435	104	....	5	20	25	0	4	0	4	1	5	375	....	.....	....
Rutland West	Oct. 13,	1773 George L. Gleason,	P.	Feb. 1, 1866	1867	94	154	248	28	40	8	10	18	4	12	0	16	7	0	302	260	946 44	140
Sudbury		1791 Henry F. Rustedt,	A. P.	1841	1857	6	21	27	0	13	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	50	60	50 00	35
Tinmouth		1780				13	34	47	7	16	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	40	80	.....	23
Wallingford		1790 A. Walker, D D.,	A. P.	Dec. 30, 1840	1862	27	85	112	10	22	1	5	6	3	1	0	4	0	2	130	150	326 51	95
Westhaven	Dec. 23,	1816 —— Hunting,	.....	Licentiate.	1868	5	8	13	5	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	40	70	40 00	20
17		8 Pastors, 5 A. P.				583	1371	2054	354	316	97	60	157	44	61	4	109	68	19	2144	1789	$4,784 33	1070

Ministers without charge—Silas Aiken, D. D., Solomon P. Giddings, Rutland; Willard Child, D. D., Crown Point, N. Y.; Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, Lucius L. Tilden, Castleton; Charles Walker, D. D., Pittsford; Stephen Williams, Clarendon.

Ordained—George P. Byington, Benson, March 11, 1868. *Installed*—George L. Gleason, West Rutland, Oct. 17, 1867.

Dismissed—William S. Smart, Benson, May 21, 1867; Henry M. Grout, West Rutland, 1867.

12. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. CHARLES W. CLARK.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'ns				
Bridgewater.....		1793	....	.....	.....	....	11	30	41	10	4	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	45	90	0 00	30
Hartford.....		1786	Benjamin F. Ray,	P.	March 5,	1856	1860	67	126	193	30	64	8	6	14	4	0	0	4	5	6	200	220	$693 00	200
Hartford West...	June 3,	1830	Horace Wellington	A. P.	April 18,	1847	1860	26	37	63	12	18	15	1	16	0	3	0	3	13	0	100	100	117 00	56
Hartland.....	Sept. 6,	1799	Charles W. Clark,	A. P.	June 13,	1861	1864	21	49	70	16	5	1	3	4	2	5	0	7	1	2	77	63	30 50	41
Norwich.....	June 15,	1819	William Sewall,	P.	May,	1855	1866	74	149	223	37	30	1	8	9	8	3	0	11	1	2	274	240	596 00	213
Pomfret.....	Jan. 8,	1783	Charles Duren,	A. P.	Feb. 3,	1841	1867	14	41	55	6	18	13	1	14	0	2	0	2	3	4	113	120	32 60	46
Queechee	Jan. 13,	1831	J. W. Kingsbury,	P.	June 28,	1866	1866	8	41	49	0	14	5	0	5	0	4	0	4	4	1	75	100	90 00	50
Sharon.....	Sept. 11,	1782	Philetus Clark,	A. P	Nov. 21,	1821	1858	16	37	53	7	5	5	4	9	2	2	0	4	2	2	50	80	28 25	44
Windsor.....	Sept. 21,	1768	Ezra H. Byington,	P.	Feb. 23,	1859	1859	48	115	163	25	50	16	7	23	1	7	1	9	13	9	185	180	394 35	130
Woodstock.....	Dec. 26,	1781	A. B. Dascomb,	P.	Jan. 16,	1862	1867	65	137	202	5	46	48	2	48	4	8	0	12	25	2	150	200	425 00	80
10			5 Pastors, 4 A. P.					350	762	1112	148	254	110	32	142	21	41	1	63	67	28	1269	1393	$2,416 70	860

Ministers without charge—J. Clement, D. D., Norwich ; Franklin Butler, John Q. Bittinger, Windsor ; Aaron G. Pease, Waterbury.

Installed—A. B. Dascomb, Woodstock, Dec. 5, 1867.

Dismissed—J. Clement, D. D., Woodstock, June 12, 1867.

13. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Bellows Falls....	Aug. 7, 1850	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	19	43	62	20	11	4	11	15	0	2	0	2	3	0	65	85	$76 20	42
Brattleboro East.	July 15, 1816	Nathaniel Mighill..	P.	Sept. 29, 1864	1867	95	216	311	39	56	21	13	34	3	7	0	10	12	5	270	300	1491 73	135
Brattleboro West	1770	Joseph Chandler,	P.	April 22, 1846	1846	51	94	145	17	40	16	8	24	0	7	2	9	10	0	100	200	553 84	83
Cambridgeport...	April 16, 1868	J. C. McCollom,	.....	Licentiate.	1867	9	12	21	0	8	16	6	22	1	0	0	1	16	0	85	100	0 00	45
Dover West.....	Jan. 17, 1868	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	10	18	2	1	5	13	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0 00	50
Dummerston.....	Aug. 18, 1779	Augustus Chandler	P.	Sept. 12, 1860	1867	25	78	103	25	8	7	2	9	0	2	0	2	6	4	100	75	42 00	90
Fayetteville.....	June 30, 1774	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	11	37	48	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	125	.....	75
Grafton.....	June 20, 1785	Earl J. Ward,	P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1868	40	68	108	27	....	3	1	4	1	4	0	5	3	4	108	140	134 86	75
Guilford.....	1768	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	3	7	10	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	.....	8
Halifax West....	July 24, 1778	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	7	8	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	.....	....
Jamaica.....	Sept. 25, 1791	L. G. Chase,	.....	Licentiate.	1867	9	13	22	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	60	0 00	40
Londonderry So.	Aug. 25, 1809	John H. Thyng,	A. P.	Oct. 26, 1852	1866	15	23	38	0	6	18	0	18	9	0	0	9	0	0	50	70	12 25	40
Marlboro	Oct. 20, 1776	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	7	16	23	4	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	....	0 00	....
Peru.....	Dec. 23, 1807	Matthew A. Gates,	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1867	64	101	165	10	....	9	4	13	2	4	0	6	2	3	150	150	100 00	64
Putney.....	Oct. 16, 1776	Amos Foster,	A. P.	March 2, 1825	1866	19	57	76	5	10	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	0	120	150	145 38	87
Saxton's River...	Jan. 1, 1825	Levi Loring,	A. P.	July 9, 1862	1867	38	66	104	26	33	42	7	49	2	0	0	2	33	0	125	150	64 85	65
Stratton.	Aug. 30, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	5	12	17	5	3	3	0	3	5	1	0	6	3	2	50	50	38 00	25
Townshend E....	1792	Alanson S. Barton,	P.	Oct. 29, 1862	1867	42	80	122	15	10	4	3	7	1	3	0	4	2	2	75	130	158 75	60
Townshend W...	Oct. 8, 1850	Oscar Bissell,	A. P.	May 14, 1856	1867	12	37	49	11	8	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	4	1	50	95	15 00	45
Wardsboro	.....	William C. Bowen,	A. P.	.....	1868	14	40	54	1	4	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	50	80	.....	....
Westminster E..	June 11, 1767	F. J. Fairbanks,	P.	Aug. 31, 1864	1864	27	87	114	16	18	1	4	5	3	6	0	9	0	0	188	160	81 75	110
Westminster W..	Oct. 31, 1799	Alfred Stevens,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1843	54	101	155	22	26	36	3	39	10	6	0	16	26	2	150	150	225 00	64
Wilmington.....	July 4, 1855	Rufus Emerson,	A. P.	Jan. 7, 1863	1867	20	52	81	12	20	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	2	0	125	150	75 00	45
Windham	Sept. 9, 1805	Stephen Harris,	P.	Oct. 24, 1861	1861	42	63	105	25	20	9	2	11	4	4	0	8	6	1	150	150	340 00	80
24		9 Pastors, 6 A. P.				645	1321	1966	299	299	200	82	282	39	64	2	105	137	24	2056	2650	$3,554 61	1328

Ministers without charge—Seth S. Arnold, Ascutneyville; Asa F. Clark, West Brattleboro; William Clark, Missionary, Milan, Italy; Benjamin F. Foster, Dummerston; Lewis Grout, Agent Am. Miss. Association, West Brattleboro.

Ordained—Earl J. Ward, Grafton. *Installed*—Nathaniel Mighill, Brattleboro; Augustus Chandler, Dummerston.

Dismissed—Benjamin F. Foster, Dummerston, Dec. 18, 1867. *Licentiate*—J. C. McCollom, Cambridgeport.

14. WINDSOR ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. E. H. BYINGTON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap 'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Infnt				
Chester.....	Oct. 27, 1773	Charles E. Lord,	P.	Feb. 11, 1847	1867	42	98	140	17	30	33	12	45	1	3	0	4	13	0	203	260	$284 74	90
Ludlow.....	Sept. 25, 1806	James P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 16, 1839	1867	24	65	89	24	21	6	5	11	3	3	1	7	5	2	110	125	75 00	....
Plymouth.....	May 24, 1806	Thomas Baldwin,	A. P.	June 24, 1836	1845	7	13	20	1	0	4	8	12	0	0	4	4	0	0	60	75	....	....
Springfield.....	Oct. 3, 1781	L. Henry Cobb,	P.	Oct. 28, 1857	1867	104	216	320	30	61	63	30	93	5	20	0	25	43	12	250	350	2,123 59	201
Weathersfield C.	1785	Alvah Spaulding,	P.	Oct. 1, 1835	1865	28	75	103	38	26	11	2	13	2	0	0	2	9	0	70	100	.....	25
Weathersfield E.	April 10, 1838	George H. White,	A. P.	.....	1866	20	22	42	3	20	5	3	8	0	10	0	10	4	5	80	100	33 00	....
Weston.....	1799	J. W. C. Pike,	A. P.	Jan. 14, 1833	1866	14	26	40	9	6	4	0	4	5	2	0	7	2	1	50	75	7 00	....
7		3 Pastors, 4 A. P.				239	515	754	112	164	126	60	186	16	38	5	59	76	20	823	1085	$2,523 33	316

Ministers without charge—Nelson Bishop, Windsor; J. De Forrest Richards, Alabama; Asa F. Clark, West Brattleboro.

Installed—Charles E. Lord, Chester, Aug. 8, 1867. *Deceased*—Alvah Spaulding, Weathersfield.

15. WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. S. L. Bates.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs					Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. less than 30.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Diem	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Burlington 1st...	Feb. 21,	1805 Edward H. Griffin,	P.	Feb. 6, 1868	1868	95	190	285	40	70	10	11	21	7	9	0	16	3	4	175	350	$1,183 00	150
Burlington 3d....	Nov. 4,	1860 George B. Safford,	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1860	35	75	110	16	30	8	3	11	0	3	0	3	1	3	60	175	274 68	66
Charlotte.....	Jan. 3,	1792 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	26	70	96	9	9	10	1	11	2	3	0	5	7	1	60	99	80 00	44
Colchester.....		1804 Edward E. Herrick	A. P.	Feb. 25, 1864	1866	9	53	62	18	23	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	81	69	27 00	41
Essex.....		1791 Andrew J. Willard,	A. P.	April, 1857	1867	28	64	92	17	15	6	6	12	1	0	0	1	3	2	98	110	107 00	44
Hinesburgh.....	May 20,	1789 Clark E. Ferrin,	P.	Dec. 10, 1851	1856	32	56	88	32	20	5	0	5	2	2	0	4	4	2	94	77	35 00	46
Jericho 1st.....	Mar. 31,	1791 Austin Hazen,	A. P.	Mar. 29, 1860	1864	35	61	96	20	14	1	1	2	2	4	1	7	1	2	190	125	278 00	90
Jericho Corners.	Aug. 31,	1826 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	25	33	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	.....	.....	.....	...
Milton.....	Sept. 21,	1804 Amos J. Samson,	A. P.	.....	1868	12	32	44	4	3	2	5	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	150	100	25 00	80
Milton West.....	Feb. 28,	1853 John K. Converse,	A. P.	Aug. 9, 1832	1860	10	22	32	0	4	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	1	0	68	75	75 00	38
Richmond	Sept. 24,	1801 John E. Goodrich,	A. P.	May 17, 1864	1867	8	25	33	12	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	40	75	.....	36
South Hero.....		1795 Orville G. Wheeler,	P.	Nov. 5, 1840	1840	17	52	69	4	20	17	2	19	2	0	0	2	13	6	50	75	60 00	....
Underhill.....	Dec. 27,	1801 S. Lysander Bates,	P.	Mar. 23, 1864	1864	42	48	90	17	33	4	4	8	0	8	0	8	1	0	110	85	120 00	51
Underhill North..	Dec. 19,	1839 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	3	8	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	...
Westford	Aug. 7,	1801 E. B. Chamberlain,	A. P.	Mar. 14, 1856	1865	29	73	102	14	20	2	2	4	6	3	0	9	2	1	220	150	172 00	90
Williston	Jan. 23,	1813 Joshua L. Maynard	P.	Jan., 1841	1865	34	57	91	7	29	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	175	125	186 75	51
Winooski	Nov. 9,	1836 Lester H. Elliot,	P.	May 2, 1866	1866	17	34	51	3	10	6	5	11	1	1	1	3	2	0	125	125	150 00	135
17		7 Pastors, 7 A. P.				440	945	1385	220	305	77	41	118	26	39	2	67	40	24	1696	1815	$2,763 43	902

Ministers without charge—John H. Worcester, D. D., James Buckham, B. W. Smith, Burlington; J. C. Wilder, C. M. Seaton, Charlotte; Samuel Marsh, E. C. Birge, Underhill; A. Fleming, Constable, N. Y.; Royal Parkinson, Milton; Moses P. Parmelee, Missionary to Turkey; J. B. Perry, Cambridge, Mass.

Ordained—E. H. Griffin. *Deceased*—Joseph Torrey, D. D. *Dismissed*—E. Mix, C. M. Seaton.

Licentiates—C. W. Thompson, George N. Abbott, Prof. M. H. Buckham.

SUMMARY.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Ministers.									Churches.			Church Members.				No. less than 30.	Admitted.			Removed.			Bapt.		Sabbath School.	Average Cong.	Am't of Benevolent Contrib'ns.	No. of Families.
	Pastors.	Act'g Past'rs.	W't Charge.	Ordained and Installed.	Installed.	Ord. without Installation.	Dismissed.	Died.	Licentiates.	Tot. Minis'rs.	Whole No. of Churches.	Destitute Churches.	Net Increase of Members.	Net Decrease of Members.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.		Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Excomm'n'd.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.				
1. Addison	8	3	6	0	2	0	2	0	0	17	13	2	162	....	621	1134	1755	261	385	184	41	225	27	36	0	63	105	16	1492	1760	$2,694	77	944
2. Bennington	3	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	10	1	34	....	321	645	966	87	127	43	40	83	26	23	0	49	33	10	1105	1365	2,177	55	485
3. Caledonia	7	5	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	13	13	1	64	....	583	1142	1725	385	231	104	46	150	33	53	0	86	61	30	1948	2252	7,816	85	1014
4. Lamoille	3	3	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	10	9	2	10	....	164	325	489	99	67	20	25	45	13	21	1	35	10	3	815	856	750	33	430
5. Lancaster	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	10	....	91	162	253	43	56	9	11	20	5	3	2	10	4	3	246	300	248	69	130
6. Montpelier	4	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	14	4	16	....	431	865	1296	251	212	49	30	79	27	36	0	63	26	13	1545	1674	2,360	63	522
7. North Western	5	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	10	14	3	48	...	375	717	1092	165	207	63	32	101	20	33	0	53	26	22	1067	1385	3,454	37	509
8. Orange	3	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	12	2	118	....	320	778	1098	183	208	152	27	179	31	29	1	61	115	11	973	1337	2,210	28	539
9. Orleans	10	6	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	20	18	3	107	....	434	793	1227	185	294	146	35	181	34	39	1	74	91	32	1685	1776	1,306	69	980
10. Royalton	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	14	3	65	....	391	726	1117	206	137	72	42	114	23	26	0	49	58	9	1064	1388	757	24	627
11. Rutland	8	5	8	1	1	0	2	0	1	21	17	3	48	....	683	1371	2054	354	316	97	60	157	44	61	4	109	66	19	2144	1788	4,784	33	1070
12. White River	5	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	13	10	1	79	...	350	762	1112	148	254	110	32	142	21	41	1	63	67	28	1269	1393	2,416	70	860
13. Windham	9	6	5	1	2	0	1	0	2	20	24	7	177	....	645	1321	1966	293	299	200	82	282	39	64	2	105	137	24	2056	2656	3,554	61	1328
14. Windsor	3	4	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	10	7	0	127	....	239	515	754	112	164	126	60	186	16	38	5	59	76	20	823	1085	2,523	33	316
15. Winooski	7	7	11	1	0	0	2	1	3	25	17	3	51	....	440	945	1385	220	305	77	41	118	26	39	2	67	40	24	1696	1815	2,763	43	962
15	81	72	55	5	9	2	14	3	10	208	195	35	1116	....	6088	12201	18289	2992	3262	1452	604	2062	385	542	19	946	915	264	19928	22760	$39,819	80	10707
	For 4 churches not reported add.....														13	26	39	....														
															6101	12227	18328	2992														

NOTE.—There are 195 churches; 81 have pastors, 75 have acting pastors, but three of these have both pastors and acting pastors, and one acting pastor supplies two churches, and six churches are supplied by licentiates; making 160 churches supplied.

MINISTERS.—Eighty-one ministers are pastors, 72 are acting pastors, and 55 are without charge.

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at St. Johnsbury, on Wednesday, June 17th, 1868.

The Society was called to order by the President, J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. Harvey D. Kitchel, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Wm. Sewall, E. I. Carpenter, and J. G. Stimson, Esq., were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer's report was then read and accepted. The following is a summary of it:

Balance on hand at the beginning of the year.....	$2,791 16
Receipts during the year.....	10,574 39
Total.....	$13,365 55
Disbursements.....	10,714 70
Balance now on hand.....	$2,650 85

A summary of the Directors' report was presented by Rev. C. S. Smith, Secretary, which was accepted.

The Semi-Centennial discourse was delivered by Rev. H. N. Burton.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. Charles Walker, D. D., Rev. Ammi Nichols and Rev. Harvey F. Leavitt.

The committee on nominations reported the following list of officers for the year ensuing, who were unanimously elected:

President—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Vice Presidents—Hon. E. P. WALTON, Hon. WM. NASH, Hon. W. C. KITTREDGE.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Recording Secretary—Rev. LEONARD TENNEY.

Directors—Rev. HARVEY F. LEAVITT, Rev. W. H. LORD, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Rev. J. T. FORD, Rev. P. H. WHITE, Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. E. H. BYINGTON, Rev. H. N. BURTON, Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. LEWIS FRANCIS.

Treasurer—C. W. STORRS, Esq.

Auditor—Hon. JOHN A. PAGE.

On motion, a vote of thanks was passed to Rev. H. N. Burton for his historical discourse.

After the benediction the Society adjourned.

Attest:
LEONARD TENNEY,
Recording Secretary.

"Go Forward."

A Discourse, Delivered at the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, held at St. Johnsbury, June 17, 1868.

BY REV. H. N. BURTON.

"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."—Exodus xiv: 25.

The events of sacred history are not so many isolated and astounding facts recorded for the amusement of children, or the confounding of skeptics and philosophers. They are a stupendous chain, forged with the skill of the Infinite. They mark the grand march of His host adown the course of time. They echo the thunder-tread of the Almighty along the ages. They are His voice to His people, summoning them to trust and service, inspiring them with a divine enthusiasm, urging them forward to high endeavor and noble achievement. Roused and animated by this voice, what foes have they not vanquished; what Red Seas of difficulty have they not divided and passed through dry-shod; what fires of martyrdom, what horrors of the dungeon, and tortures of the rack, have they not endured; what prodigies of heroism, sacrifice and service have they not left recorded, an unrivaled legacy to the church and the world!

Yes, my brethren, the record of God's heroes in the past, or rather of God Himself working in and through them to accomplish His purposes of love and mercy towards our world, has done more to inspire noble daring and doing, to exalt virtue, dignify and ennoble human nature, and honor God, than all other causes combined, excepting always the immediate work of redemption through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Nor is this the effect of the inspired record alone. It is the lesson of all the history of God's elect. From every period of the past, from every era and epoch of the church, there comes to us the voice of God. Its language is still the same that it was more than three thousand years ago, "*Go forward.*" This is the only word of command we should hear to-day: an ambition to obey it, the only passion that should fill our breasts.

We come up to-day to the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. Its history, too, for the past fifty years, is divine. The hand of God has written it. It is a sacred depository of motive and argument for a triumphant advance on the future.

It is the Lord's grand arsenal from which He bids us draw full panoply for coming conflict. It is the mightiest enforcement of His command, "*Go forward.*"

I. Let us first briefly advert to its *origin.*

It is a plant planted of the Lord; sown in the faith, watered with the tears, nurtured in the prayers and toils of His people.

Its roots strike back beyond the space of fifty years. Blessed old Massachusetts organized her first Home Missionary Society seventy years ago next May, to send missionaries to "remote parts of the world," among which, Vermont was included, and Adoniram Judson was her first missionary to our State.

Even before this, individual churches in Massachusetts and Connecticut had sent their pastors on wide detours for preaching in these destitute regions—the ministerial vacations of those days. Among these, according to a late letter from the venerable Dr. Parmelee, so long one of your faithful and devoted missionaries, were Drs. Perkins, of Hartford, Mills, of Irvingford, and Hallock, of Simsbury, Conn. "There was romance," he adds, "in that day in passing through the new State, as it was called by the Connecticut people, who supposed we had no schools, or places of worship, or an apple tree, or any other marks of civilization. To pass through such a great and terrible wilderness required the undaunted courage of a Livingstone. Yet many were so well pleased with the mountain State that they made it their home. Among these were Weeks, of Pittsford, Wooster, of Cornwall, and his successor, Rev. Jedediah Bushnell—a name conspicuous in the annals of missionary work in Vermont. He was a missionary to the core, a Christian everywhere," adds Mr. Parmelee. He and Drs. Merrill, of Middlebury, and Burton, of Thetford, first moved for concerted missionary action in the State, and were among the earliest and most efficient advocates of this Society.

As early as April 4th, 1804, a circular letter was issued by "the consociations in the western districts of Vermont," "to procure money to defray the expense of some missions in our new settlements;" but no society was organized till Sept. 1st, 1807. It was called simply, "The Missionary Society." Rev. Thomas A. Merrill was its inspiring and guiding genius, and such he continued to be to the whole missionary work in the State for years, and especially to the work of this Society. He was for thirty-six years (from 1819 to 1854) one of its directors, and for several years its secretary. The whole weight of his great influence, as the leading man for many years in the ecclesiastical affairs of Vermont, was always thrown in its favor. So ardent was his attachment to it and so earnest his advocacy of it that many thought him opposed to foreign missions; not that he really was, but that he loved home mis-

sions better. Through his unbounded zeal and earnest appeals from year to year he stirred up a missionary spirit in nearly all the churches. His own church at Middlebury, has ever been the most steadfast supporter of this Society. It is the *only* church in the State which has the honor of having contributed for its support every year since the Society has had an existence—having given into its treasury within this period over $6,800. Through his influence chiefly, female missionary and cent societies were springing up all over the State, about the time the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was organized.

In the latter part of 1817, God raised up another honored agent to aid in organizing our Society, in the person of Levi Parsons. He was a student from Andover, of great zeal, unwearied toil and apostolic self-denial. The Spirit of the Lord went with him and wrought mightily by His word. Sinners were deeply convicted of sin, saints were quickened, and churches roused from their lethargy. Revivals sprung up in his pathway and converts were multiplied. At the opening of 1818 he was re-commissioned with instructions to form juvenile missionary societies in all the towns, having as his associate in this work, the Rev. Otto S. Hoyt. All these societies became auxiliaries of the "Vermont Juvenile Missionary Society," organized as the result of his efforts and counsels, at Castleton, Sept. 16th, 1818.* The members of this society were declared by the constitution to "consist of delegates from juvenile auxiliary societies," and its object "to supply the destitute towns in this State, and its immediate vicinity, with a preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries." Some changes have been made in its original constitution, and eight years after its organization it assumed its present name, "The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society."

Thus manifest is the hand of the Lord in the origin of this society. He stirred up the hearts of His most devoted and honored servants to pave the way for it. He raised up an eminently godly man to organize it. He gave it birth in a series of revivals. He baptized anew His churches with the Holy Ghost, that they might love and cherish it. He opened the hearts of godly men and women, young men and maidens, to give for its support with an unwonted generosity. He brought it in at the most opportune moment for the glory and prosperity of our Vermont Zion. He has been with it ever since, and in all this we must surely

* Since writing the above, our secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith, has communicated the following interesting extracts from a biography of Mr. Parsons: "The particular enterprise respecting which he had often thought and prayed, was the establishment of a Juvenile Missionary Society. He opened his mind on this subject to the trustees of the 'Vermont Missionary Society.' His plan was approved, and he was immediately employed to form juvenile societies, designed to be auxiliary to a general society which should be composed of delegates from the smaller associations."

"Had the agency of Mr. Parsons in bringing into existence the Vermont Juvenile Missionary Society been his only service for the church, his usefulness would have have been great and his memory blessed."

hear His voice to-day saying to us, "This is my society; go ye forward in its support."

II. But that the Lord Jesus Christ loves this society, will be further evident if we turn for a moment to its *object*. Its very aim is that which drew Him from Heaven. It is to seek and save the lost. It is to bear glad tidings to them that sit in darkness and are ready to perish. Of Him it is written, "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." And what else but all this has this society been doing the past fifty years? All among these hills and valleys it has been sounding out the joyful word of the Lord. And how has the Lord sanctioned your aim by mightily working with you! What multitudes of sinners have been roused from the slumbers of death! How many saintly hearts have been watered from heaven, what new joy, and strength, and courage for pilgrimage and toil have been inspired within them by the word of your missionary!

Hear the veteran Parker tell of sinners in concern for their souls: "Numbers came to my lodgings, with whom I conversed and expounded the Scriptures a long time. God bowed His heavens and came down." Look at this scene over in Westfield: "The solemn realities of eternity seemed to be deeply impressed upon the minds of the old and young. When I was conversing with any one alone, others would gather round to hear, as if they thought their eternal state was suspended on every word I spoke. The distress of some was beyond utterance." Let us also summon the seraphic Parsons to tell us of the gratitude of God's dear children for the coming of the missionary: "I called," says he, "upon an aged woman of ninety-six years, who is just sinking into the grave. She took me by the hand, and raising her eyes to heaven, exclaimed, with almost celestial raptures, 'I thank the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for sending His servant to us this day. May the Lord bless you, my dear friend.' And then, for a moment, she sat in silence, overcome with joy and gratitude."

Yea, my brethren, thousands of souls have found the very year in which this society first bore to them the messages of heaven's love and mercy to be the acceptable year of the Lord. Thousands could this moment come down from their shining heights in glory and tell us how they were once captives of sin and sightless to all the glories of God, until Christ Jesus came in the person of your missionary, and struck off their shackles, opened their eyes, flung wide the dungeon doors of sin and death, and brought them forth into the glorious light and liberty of the sons of God. Thousands of now sainted spirits reposing upon the

hills, or walking the vales of Paradise, are perchance this hour recounting life's story, and their hearts thrill with holy rapture as they remember the school-house upon the hillside, or the little church in the valley, in which they first heard the voice of your missionary. It was the beginning of life to their souls—of the eternal life they now enjoy. Yea, the benedictions of the dead and the glorified descend upon us today. Streams of love and sympathy and thankfulness flow down to cheer and bless us. The heart of Jesus and of His redeemed is with us. They love our aim. They approve our object. They are in sympathy with our work. They bid us go on for Jesus' sake and the dear souls' sake that are yet to be gathered from these hills and valleys to God's garner in the skies.

III. Again, we remark that the *means* and *methods* of this society are obviously in harmony with the will of Christ.

Its measures have always been chosen and its operations carried forward with a most scrupulous regard to the Word of God. It has never traveled beyond the Divine Record in its action. It has never entered on any wild, or even doubtful, expedients. New measures and new lights have not been popular with it. *Preaching* has always been the grand engine of its power. This is its central idea. It has steadily adhered to its first proposed object, viz: "to supply the destitute towns with a preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries." The glorious results it has achieved are due to the tenacity with which it has clung to the one divine idea that it pleases God to save His people by the foolishness of preaching. Amid all the ambitious schemes of reformers and deluded revivalists, amid all the tempests of error, fanaticism and wildfire that have swept over our State from time to time, it has steered straightforward across the raging seas, and outrode the storm. It has been as the ark of God, bearing across the deluge the souls He loves.

In pursuing its one purpose of preaching the gospel, the society, in the first years of its history, very much inclined to itinerant methods. Previous to 1824, its missionaries were all itinerants. This had been, in years before, the almost exclusive form of missionary labor. But as the towns increased in wealth and population, and the society in resources, and as it saw the benefits of more stated labors, its efforts were more and more directed to furnishing stated supplies and establishing the pastoral relation. The reaction from itinerancy towards more permanent arrangements went to an extreme. Itinerancy was pretty much abandoned for a time. Many of the feeblest churches were left to languish and to die. Many communities where there was no church were soon found to be altogether without the preached word. These results became painfully evident about 1856, and were at your anniversary that year brought to the notice of the society by one of the most sagacious and munificent of

its patrons, in a letter noteworthy at once for its wise suggestions and large-hearted proposals. This was deliberated upon in the board of directors, and discussed in the society, and led to the efficient and permanent organization of the Itinerant Department, and to the true theory and practice of the society; first, to aid fe eble churches to a stated ministry; secondly, to send itinerants to every destitute corner of the State. The itinerants are the advanced corps to be followed up by the army of occupation.

In its preachers, ordained ministers have been preferred, and for the most part employed; yet laymen have been sent forth, and with such evident approval of the Master as should lead this society to consider whether it should not more fully encourage efforts of this kind.

Regular pastors of self-supporting churches have been generously sent forth by their people to labor for a few weeks, and uniformly with the most gratifying results.

A general agent has sometimes been employed for the specific purpose of soliciting funds; but it has been found best to leave this work with the Corresponding Secretary.

In its early history, it zealously promoted the use of the Westminster Catechism, having published an edition or two of the same.

It has always been a warm advocate of Sabbath Schools. In these it has instructed thousands of children in the things of the kingdom of God. To organize and promote these, it has sometimes employed a special missionary. A veteran of yours in this department of service wrote me a few days since that it is now thirty-seven years since he entered upon this work under your direction, and that in those years he visited nearly all the Sabbath Schools in the State—in the more destitute regions visiting from house to house to induce the people to organize schools. "And now," he adds, "let me go where I will in Vermont, I meet with men and women who tell me that, when they were children, they were awakened under my preaching. Among these converts I have met with four ministers who ascribe the glory to God for their conversion by my ministry. I know of eleven new church-edifices built by such feeble efforts. Seven revivals have occurred in places where the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society have sent me."

The means for defraying the expenses of all these blessed operations, come from the contributions of the churches and legacies of the large-hearted. The receipts of the Society for its first year were $743 19; for the last year $10,574 39. For the whole series of fifty years there has been a pretty gradual increase in its contributions. The receipts for each decade were in round numbers:

For the first decade	$15,000
For the second decade	33,000

For the third decade	$37,000
For the fourth decade	60,000
For the fifth decade	91,000

In the first decade Windsor county gave most; in the second, Rutland; in the third, Addison; and in the fourth and fifth, Caledonia.

The church which has given most for these fifty years is the one whose generous hospitality we are enjoying at this our fiftieth anniversary, having contributed $13,577 80. The Fourth or South Church in St. Johnsbury is second on the list, having given $11,709 23.

*In Addison county Middlebury heads the list	$6,859 56
In Bennington county Manchester heads the list	1,739 04
In Caledonia county St. Johnsbury 2d heads the list	13,577 80
In Chittenden county Burlington 1st heads the list	7,820 77
In Essex county Lunenburgh heads the list	526 27
In Franklin county St. Albans 1st heads the list	3,715 70
In Grand Isle county Alburgh heads the list	101 00
In Lamoille county Morrisville heads the list	869 88
In Orange county Thetford heads the list	1,828 53
In Orleans county Greensboro heads the list	822 10
In Rutland county East Rutland heads the list	4,429 80
In Washington county Montpelier heads the list	4,458 63
In Windham county East Brattleboro heads the list	4,813 60
In Windsor county Windsor heads the list	2,296 86

The entire amount received for the half century has been $238,419 68.

IV. What now are the *results* achieved with offerings and agencies such as these?

In order to appreciate this part of the argument, revert, my brethren, for a moment to the moral and religious aspect of Vermont fifty years ago at the birth of this society. There were then 243 towns in the State, and ninety-seven of these, more than three-eighths of them, embracing almost one-fourth of the population of the State, were wholly destitute of any stated preacher of the gospel of any denomination whatever; and 154 were without any Congregational or Presbyterian minister.

Among these wholly destitute towns were St. Johnsbury and Hardwick in Caledonia county, and Barton, Brownington, Greensboro, Hydepark, Albany, Morristown, Troy, Westfield and Wolcott in what was then Orleans county.

In the four most northern counties in the State, viz: Franklin, Orleans, Essex and Caledonia, there were forty Congregational churches with only eight ministers; and some of these churches had not had a sermon preached, or an ordinance administered to them, for two whole years. [Report for 1818, p. 4.] In the first annual report for this society it is said: "In the tract of country from Bath to Canada line, on

*These sums do not include legacies.

Connecticut river, a distance of nearly eighty miles, there are, on both sides of the river, but two settled ministers able to perform ministerial labors; and for more than forty miles of this, there has not been a missionary for more than two years, except one Baptist missionary for four weeks. A large section of the northeasterly part of Vermont is almost entirely destitute. * * * The destitute condition of many towns and societies in this State, is well known, and has for a considerable period been the just cause of grief to every pious and benevolent heart. * * Many of the real disciples of Christ have from year to year been sitting in desolate places, entirely removed from the stated ministrations of God's word and ordinances."

What must have been the moral and religious condition of the people at large under such a destitution of the word of life can be easily inferred. It was briefly sketched by Rev. Daniel Haskell of Burlington, who preached the sermon at the organization of this society. According to the several headings of that sermon, errors and vices of every name prevailed; infidelity run riot; the most pernicious principles were embraced and propagated under the name of Christianity; Sabbath breaking, profaneness and intemperance abounded; and the great masses were thoughtless and unconcerned, with only a few solitary Christians amid the general destitution, to pray for them.

Listen to Parsons, too, in his Journal for 1818. Speaking more particularly of the northern part of the State he says: "Infidelity has here assumed its boldest appearance. The Holy Scriptures are rejected as the work of human invention, and the Sabbath treated with avowed and public contempt. * * * Profanation of the name of God is a prevailing vice. Children are taught from their cradles to speak with contempt of the Saviour."

Such was the fearfully dark moral aspect which Vermont presented to the eye of heaven fifty years ago.

Now what has this society done to relieve the dark shades of this picture? In 1818 there were but eighty Congregational ministers in Vermont against more than twice that number now. And to illustrate how this society has operated to fill up these thin ranks of the ministry, let me give you a few facts. The little town of Halifax, upon which you have expended $1637 for the last fifty years, has sent forth ten men into the ministry. Fairfax, costing you for the same time $801, has sent forth six; Barnard and Cavendish five each; Reading four; Monkton, Sandgate and Washington three each; and so we might go on with the list. I heard a good woman not long ago name more than twenty men that the town of Burke, near by us and in which we have always had a little missionary church, had furnished for the ministry of the various evangelical denominations. And it must be remembered that

these little mission churches are doing this work, while such towns as Waterbury, Manchester, Newbury and Woodstock have raised up only one minister each; and Montpelier and St. Albans only two each.

And if we turn to the number of churches, we find 131 in the State in 1818. Sixty-eight of these, that is, more than one-half of them, have at one time or another within the half century, been under your fostering care, and doubtless owe their present existence to that care. And of the sixty organized since 1818, fifty are the foster children of this society. You may well claim to have been the organizing and conserving force among our churches for the half century of your existence. While within this period only twenty-four Congregational churches have become extinct, more than three times that number of Methodist and Baptist churches have ceased to exist.

Many of our self-supporting churches would cheerfully rise up to-day and testify to the fact that it was under your auspices that they became strong and independent. Eight of these took themselves from the list of aided churches in the single year of 1845. From 1847 to 1863, a period of sixteen years, thirty-two became independent of the society's aid. Of these thirty-two, the Secretary says in his report for 1863: "It is believed that but for the sympathy and aid extended to them through this society, nearly all these churches would have sunk in utter discouragement under their difficulties, and become extinct.

In the report of 1851, he says, "It is found that of the churches which have been aided by this society within the last twenty-five years, thirty are now sustaining the gospel without missionary aid. Most of these are stable and efficient churches."

Now is it a small thing to have lighted up and kept burning through all these years, and put in a way to burn for many years to come, so many lights in the dark places of Vermont?

And then God has set His seal of approval on the work of this society in the revivals with which He has blessed it. It has seen years of the right hand of the Most High when its converts were multiplied as the drops of the dew. Such was 1818 at the very opening of its existence and efforts. Such also were 1831 and 1851, and the present year. A new moral aspect has been put upon scores of communities by means of these works of grace.

But who can tabulate moral results? Who can gauge and make visible the power of the Gospel as it is diffused through the neighborhood, or goes down into the heart of man, moving the very depths of sensibility, thought and action? It is subtle as the lightning; pervasive and powerful as the sweet influences of sunshine and shower descending upon these mountains, hill-sides and plains, making them the veriest paradise of verdure and beauty that they are to-day.

In the language, no less beautiful than true, of our present worthy

Secretary: "Who can estimate the good done and the evil prevented in any community by the preaching of the gospel?—the increased orderliness, sobriety and neighborly kindness it produces; the restraints it imposes on the appetites and passions; the knowledge and light it imparts; the penitential feelings excited; the secret bowing of the soul before the Great Invisible; the unsealing of lips in prayer; the dawning and increase of faith; the kindlings of divine love; the aspirations of the soul for the attainment of a higher life; the conflicts, the struggles and the victories; the new and higher views of duty; the broader charity; the comfort, joy, peace and love, which are the natural fruits of the Gospel."

Yes, my brethren, these are the buds and the blossoms you have been causing this wilderness to put forth; these the celestial fruits you have been producing.

And to continue this enumeration in the eloquent language of another of your Secretaries, now venerable with age, the Rev. Samuel Delano: "Who can estimate the tide of woe kept back, which otherwise would have scattered desolation, and brought in suffering? Who can show the number of youth that have been effectually shielded from the power of temptation, who shall now grow up to perform labor, and put forth influences which shall cheer and bless mankind? Who can tell what plants shall now flourish by the water courses, where otherwise had been sterility and barrenness? It would be a table of thrilling interest that should show the number of pious teachers, of ministers and missionaries, both foreign and domestic, who have been brought out from the romantic, glen-like valleys, and sublime mountain passes of Vermont, by missionary labor. They came forth with muscle elastic, and intellect clear, which nothing will produce like the pure air and crystal water which fans and fertilizes the slopes of our hills and the summits of our mountains. * * * O, how many are both the men and the women who have been and are the prototype of this imagining, whom Vermont has brought out from her missionary stations! In this way she has done more, no doubt, for the conversion of the world than all she has produced in any other relation with her silver and gold."

But who can better estimate the working and results of your society than he who was its honored Secretary for almost one-third of the period of its existence? "The results of Domestic Missions," says he, "are seen in the churches that have been gathered and fostered till they have reached the point of self-support; in the numerous smaller churches, some of them comparatively prosperous and efficient, which but for the timely encouragement and aid imparted, would have remained without preaching, and long since have dwindled to extreme feebleness or utter extinction. * * * They are seen at the West, where are many faithful ministers who were among the fruits of revivals with which God

graciously crowned missionary labors in Vermont in former years,—and where many churches have been originally constituted wholly, or in large proportion, of such as had been converted to God and trained for his service in connection with missionary labors here. * * * They are seen among the heathen, where missionaries are toiling, who are themselves the fruit of missionary toil which this Society helped to sustain. They have been felt in the consolations of the afflicted, the ministrations to the sick, and in the peaceful and triumphant hope of the dying, in the rejoicing of angels over sinners brought to repentance, and of souls renewed and sanctified that have gone up from our missionary fields and are now rejoicing among the saints made perfect in heaven."

V. And now what has all this vast amount of good, spreading out over the lapse of time and stretching away across the roll of eternal ages, cost us? What of brain and bone and muscle and force and money has it consumed? Has it been an exhaustive, expensive work? Far from it. The outlay has always been trifling, shamefully meagre. The average cost of money per year has been but about $4,500 00; for the fifty years operation amounting to $238,419 68. Aside from this we have sent to the American Home Missionary Society, for work in other parts of our country, the sum of $35,613 37, making a total of $274,033 05.

Never in the estimate of any Christian man was a quarter of a million of dollars more economically or judiciously expended. Never were results so glorious achieved before with means so insignificant.

And, then, of this expense no mean part of it has come from the very spots where the wilderness has been made to blossom as the rose under your genial ministrations. You have thus developed moral and material resources which would have been lost to Christ, and trained whole communities to habits of a Christian benevolence, and elevated them to the practice of a Christian morality, which would otherwise have sunk down into selfishness and sin, and gone to decay by their own inbred vices and corruptions.

VI. And then what a spirit of true Christian heroism, self-denial, sacrifice and service has been developed and exhibited in connection with this society. What noble spirits, now among the venerated dead or the venerable living, are enrolled as its legion of honor. Herein lies its richest legacy to posterity. The secret of its power to mould the past and advancing generations has been and is in the ardor and devotion of its servants. What trials have they not met, what toils have they not endured, what enemies have they not encountered, what conflicts have they not passed through, what victories have they not gained, and what obstacles have they not surmounted? The men who can leave their homes and families behind, to enter upon missionary tours for weeks

and months together, declaring the grace of God from house to house, visiting the sick, searching out and comforting God's hidden ones, exhorting the profane, confounding with wholesome words the scoffer, battling with infidelity, clearing away mean, low prejudices, elevating men to juster conceptions of God and glory, life and eternity,—these are the men to move the world. They are the heroes of God, the honored of heaven, worthy of the veneration and imitation of mankind. With what cheerfulness did these godly men buckle on the whole armor of God? With what prodigies of valor and endurance did they do battle under the great leader of God's war-worn hosts!

We have not time to speak at length of the virtues and valor of a Levi Parsons, James Parker, Justin Parsons, Luther Leland, J. N. Loomis, Benjamin Wooster, David H. Williston, Joseph Labaree, Samuel Goddard, W. A. Chapin, Selah R. Arms, and other equally good men among its missionaries, long since entered into rest; nor of an Ammi Nichols, Simeon Parmelee, Harvey F. Leavitt, Stillman Morgan, Samuel Delano, and others among its illustrious living.

Nor can we dilate upon the wisdom, zeal, fidelity and perseverance of a Merrill, a Hazen, a Hoyt, Chapin, Newton, Wheeler, Walker, McKeen, Childs, Leavitt, Steele, Bishop, Hall, Bradford, Woodard, Lord, Parker, Fairbanks and Stimson among its directors.

Nor can we stay to give you the least idea of the stirring appeals from year to year of a Merrill, a Chapin, Ingraham, Delano, Worcester, Stone and Smith among its secretaries—appeals glowing with a fervor and instinct with an argument sufficient to kindle to enthusiasm the heart most indifferent to the claims and work of this society.

Nor can we delay to speak of the honorable service of its presidents, the Honorables Skinner, Hutchinson, Swift, Page, Kittredge and Fairbanks, the last of whom was our noble president for the last sixteen years of his life. He, too, with his brother, "*par nobile fratrum*," have always been among its most munificent patrons, whose generous benefactions we must now pass over. Their reward is of Jesus Christ and of the saints in heaven.

VII. We pass to still another and last argument for an advance in the work of this society. It is drawn from the very discouragements that beset our labors. It is the felicity of this society that the very obstacles it is called to encounter are so many mighty incentives to a vigorous prosecution of its aim. For what is the mightiest hindrance to its work, what is the grand impediment that retards its onward career and puts the day of complete triumph afar off?

The venerable Dr. Walker, at your anniversary six years ago, remarked that when he first entered your ranks he was sure all the feeble churches

of Vermont would soon be made strong and self-supporting, and that this society would then see its glorious work done, but that years had taught him we were always to have feeble churches in Vermont, and that the work of this society would never be done. There was wisdom in this remark. But what is it that is operating as such a constant cause to keep our churches weak, sometimes throwing back the self-supporting ones once more to share the fostering ministrations of this society? What is it, my brethren? Why, it is the streams of blessing, of moral influence, unity and strength which these churches are pouring forth, and which run all through the West and over the land, and, I might almost say, the whole world. Yes, I may say China and India, and Turkey, and Africa, have been invigorated and beautified by rills of moral blessings flowing to them from these feeble churches of Vermont

Shall we then leave these fountains to become impure? How shall we answer it before God, if we do? Shall we not rather continue from year to year to cast into these fountain heads the salt of divine grace? Shall we not see to it that the sons and daughters of Vermont are converted to God before we allow them to go forth? This is the very work, the high and holy mission God calls us to. We live not for ourselves, but for the whole world. It is not ours to recline in the lap of ease, independence and self-indulgence at home. Ours is a work of self-sacrifice and of service for all mankind. It is the work of the Master. It is the path He trod. He lived not for Galilee alone. His influence was felt not there alone. It overleaped all bounds and barriers, crossed continents and seas, and reached even us at these ends of the earth. Like Him may the Christians of Vermont live for other peoples, other states, lands and continents. Let them transmute the very obstacles they meet with into divine arguments for pushing on this work and society to its ever-growing fruits and results. Let us ever keep our eye upon the outlying regions round about us. Let us look upon the desolations and wastes that yet remain to be reclaimed to the Lord. Let us be in constant and lively sympathy, even as our Lord Jesus is, with these feeble branches of our Zion, and never rest satisfied till we see them laden with the fruits of grace to the praise of the glory of God, and for the good of mankind.

There is work, then, for this society to do, ample scope for its powers and activities, were they increased a thousand-fold. And the demand and the work is to go on. Generation after generation, advancing upon the stage of action, is to be trained and fitted for God's service here on earth and elevated to happiness and glory hereafter. This, and nothing less than this, is the heavenly calling and mission of this society. To this, and nothing less than this, is the Most High this day after the lapse of fifty years urging you forward. Yea, even to enlarged endeavors, wider

spread operations, a more fervent zeal and a purer, more self-sacrificing love, is He calling you. He would have no heart misgive, no tongue falter, no hand fail, in this work.

By its sacred origin, baptized as it was with the Holy Ghost; by the Christ-like character of its mission, bearing as it does the gospel of the grace of God to the poor and the perishing; by its means and methods, conspicuously owned and approved by the Great Founder of our faith; by its glorious results already achieved, gathering and fostering scores of churches, and filling them with thousands of souls, shining and yet to shine in the courts of our God; by the economy of this work; by the sublime heroism, sacrifices and toils of its servants and patrons, the venerated dead and the venerable living; by the very obstacles to be encountered, which put the day of complete and final triumph far away; by all these and a thousand other considerations, is God calling on every Christian man and woman in Vermont to take up the work of this society, and to push it vigorously forward till every town, village and hamlet shall have been thoroughly evangelized and sanctified unto Christ. This is the end Christ has in view. This is the end this society has in view. They are one in aim, in sympathy, in toil. Who then can withhold gifts and offerings—money, time, talent, influence? Shall not this society, at its centennial fifty years hence, be able to speak of more munificent benefactions, more extended operations, sublimer sacrifices, more devoted services and more glorious triumphs than have characterized even the past fifty years? Who will contribute to the grand result?

FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

As we have met together on this fiftieth anniversary of our Missionary Society, to walk about Zion, it is not mainly that we may tell her towers, mark her bulwarks, and consider her palaces—though, thanks be to God, she has these, and we love to dwell upon them. Our present purpose is rather to acquaint ourselves with the breaches in her walls, her borders that lie waste, which are overrun with briers and thorns, and the sad desolations which sin has wrought, so that we may be prepared and stimulated to repair her ruins, set up her gates, strengthen and adorn her defenses, and reclaim her neglected fields, that she may indeed be worthy to be called "the perfection of beauty," "the joy of the whole earth," "the city of the Great King."

It has pleased God to crown our semi-centennial year with His distinguishing mercy. He has granted to our missionary churches an unusual measure of His Holy Spirit, thereby making our convocation to-day an occasion of joy and praise.

During the year, death has made no inroads upon the ranks of our officers and missionaries, though some of our patrons and fellow-helpers have found it a "year of release" from sin and toil, and keep the jubilee with the ransomed throng in heaven.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields, occupied during the year in the Ordinary and Itinerant Departments, with a brief notice of each.

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

	Aided Churches.	Ministers.	Date of Commission.	Length of Com.	Aid pledged.	Mon'ts of labor performed.	Hopeful conv.	Add. Profession.	Add. Letter.	Remov. Dismissals.	Remov. Deaths.	Remov. Excom.	Resid. Memb.	Male residents.	Non-residents.	Av. Congreg'n.	No. in Sab. Sch.	Contributions. Home Missions.	Contributions. Other Objects.
1	Arlington, East	W. O. Baldwin	June 1, 1867.	12	$200 00	12	2	3	5	1	1	..	32	11	10	120	70	$20 50	$14 00
2	Berkshire, East	E. W. Hatch	April 1, 1868.	12	100 00	12	2	2	..	1	..	..	36	16	3	70	100	21 40	50 00
3	Berlin, West, half time	John F. Stone	June 1, 1867.	12	100 00	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	3	1	70	100	23 00	.....
4	Bethel	T. H. Johnson	June 1, 1867.	12	150 00	12	..	4	2	2	1	..	39	10	5	80	90	30 00	47 00
5	Braintree	J. B. Griswold	Mar. 1, 1867.	12	150 00	10	..	..	..	1	2	..	25	13	9	45	40	9 00	.....
6	Bristol	G. S. Gleason	June 1, 1867.	12	150 00	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
		A. B. Lyon	Jan. 1, 1868.	12	100 00	5	16	7	6	3	..	..	70	26	9	100	138	21 10	47 70
7	Burke, East	W. R. Joyslin	April 1, 1867.	12	150 00	9	1	1	4	..	2	..	38	15	22	75	50	20 58	12 00
8	Brownington	David Shurtliff	Feb. 1, 1868.	12	175 00	4	..	7	..	12	..	..	67	26	6	120	100	13 76	.....
9	Charleston, West	R. V. Hall	June 1, 1867.	12	100 00	3	..	..	9	1	..	1	44	15	13	100	89	32 17	98 67
		N. W. Grover	Sept. 1, 1867.	9	150 00	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
10	Cambridgeport	Julius C. McCollom	May 1, 1868.	12	200 00	1	39	25	4	..	1	..	28	12	..	100	70	.....	8 00
11	Colchester	E. E. Herrick	Jan. 1, 1868.	12	100 00	12	2	1	..	..	..	..	62	9	18	65	81	20 00	7 00
12	Dorset, East	F. W. Olmsted	Sept. 1, 1867.	9	150 00	9	..	2	6	..	..	..	10	2	8	100	65	16 00	9 00
13	Ferrisburgh, half time	H. F. Leavitt	June 1, 1867.	12	200 00	12	2	2	..	..	..	..	36	8	4	75	50	.....	80 00
14	Glover	S. K. B. Perkins	Aug. 14, 1867.	12	150 00	12	13	13	2	..	5	..	61	16	12	130	230	20 00	28 81
15	Granby	Jeremiah Glines	June 1, 1867.	12	100 00	12	4	4	3	..	1	..	45	17	2	63	45	15 00	39 40
16	Guildhall	James Laird	Feb. 6, 1868.	12	100 00	8	..	2	3	1	..	1	51	15	17	90	60	26 16	92 13
17	Holland	T. E. Ranney	June 1, 1867.	12	200 00	12	2	1	..	..	..	..	11	3	4	60	55	7 25	17 00
18	Highgate	E. J. Comings	June 1, 1867.	12	200 00	10	5	5	9	2	..	..	48	19	10	90	90	16 75	37 51
19	Hubbardton	Calvin Granger	Sept. 1, 1867.	12	150 00	12	30	14	1	1	3	..	33	10	1	75	60	20 00	20 00
20	Hydepark, half time	John G. Bailey	Sept. 1, 1867.	12	75 00	12	3	3	1	..	3	..	25	5	3	90	115	.....	60 00

21	Hydepark, North, half time,	John G. Bailey.....	Sept. 1, 1867.	12	125	00	12	2	1	2	2	1	..	28	9	5	70	60	15	30	25	00
22	Jamaica.....	L. G. Chase.....	Dec.16, 1867.	12	200	00	6	3	..	2	..	2	..	22	9	..	70	60	5	00	.....	
23	Londonderry.....	John H. Thyng.....	June 1, 1867.	12	200	00	12	3	18	..	..	..	..	38	15	..	70	50	12	00	.....	
24	Lowell.....	A. A. Smith.....	April 1, 1868.	12	200	00	12	14	10	..	..	2	..	30	14	6	85	125	20	00	4	00
25	Ludlow.....	J. P. Stone.....	Jan. 1, 1868.	5	83	00	5	2	6	5	3	3	1	60	16	24	125	110	43	25	67	00
26	Middletown...	O. Myrick.....	Dec. 6, 1867	12	100	00	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	42	..	..	100	100	22	20	24	40
27	Morgan, half time.....	A. R. Gray	July 1, 1867.	12	75	00	12	3	3	..	1	1	..	26	6	8	80	75	8	50	24	30
28	Newbury West.....	D. Connell.....	Sept. 1, 1867.	12	200	00	12	8	7	1	..	1	..	28	8	..	95	65	.....		52	00
29	Pittsfield.....	S. Sparhawk.....	April 1, 1868.	12	100	00	12	2	2	1	2	1	..	56	23	33	80	60	17	00	74	30
30	Plainfield.....	C. M. Winch	Nov. 1, 1867.	12	200	00	12	..	..	..	1	2	..	36	10	5	70	100	18	75	.....	
31	Ripton.....	C. H. Kent.....	June 1, 1867.	12	200	00	12	..	..	..	3	..	..	41	15	22	45	45	16	00	48	73
32	Roxbury	Alden Ladd.....	Oct. 1, 1867.	12	200	00	12	2	3	2	1	1	..	38	12	10	100	90	25	00	30	00
33	Sandgate	Wm. C. Bowen	Sept. 1, 1867.	12	75	00	7	5	2	..	..	2	..	10	2	4	70	25	5	00	.....	
34	Sheldon.....	G. B. Tolman.....	Jan. 1, 1868.	12	150	00	12	..	..	..	3	2	..	40	16	14	60	50	36	50	196	49
35	Sudbury.....	H. F. Rustedt.....	Sept. 1, 1867.	12	200	00	12	3	1	..	..	1	..	27	5	8	40	50	35	00	12	27
36	Troy, half time.....	J. Farrar	Mar. 1, 1867.	12	100	00	9	3	3	1	1	..	..	18	5	3	50	40	6	30	.....	
37	Troy, North.....	D. H. Babcock.....	June 14, 1867.	12	175	00	12	1	2	..	4	..	..	49	15	9	100	50	6	50	11	35
38	Tunbridge..... ...	E. A. Alden.....	Oct. 1, 1866.	12	200	00	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	14	11	90	75	16	64	.....	
39	Warren.....	R. S. Ward.....	Nov. 1, 1866.	12	100	00	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	50	7	75	.....	
40	Weathersfield Bow.....	G. H. White.....	June 1, 1867.	12	90	00	10	4	5	2	1	1	..	34	11	4	90	70	15	00	100	00
41	Weston.....	J. W. C. Pike.....	Dec. 1, 1867.	12	200	00	12	..	2	2	1	1	..	40	30	..	75	50	.....		.....	
42	Wolcott.....	Horace Herrick.....	April 1, 1868.	12	150	00	12	4	3	1	1	1	..	42	15	11	95	60	15	00	13	00
43	Worcester.....	David Perry.....	May 1, 1867.	12	150	00	12	1	..	..	2	1	..	33	13	20	70	100	12	00	54	50

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ARLINGTON EAST AND SUNDERLAND, have been supplied during the year by Rev. W. O. Baldwin. The pecuniary ability of the church has been weakened by death, so that there is reason to fear that they will be unable to retain Mr. Baldwin another year.

2. BERKSHIRE EAST. A part of the year two weekly prayer-meetings were held in extreme parts of the parish, Sabbath evening meetings, with preaching at two other places. A Female Cent Society has been organized, and has sent in its first offerings.

3. BERLIN WEST. Rev. J. F. Stone has supplied this church half of the time. The Union Sabbath School holds its session every week. The average attendance about sixty-five. The whole number connected with it is not far from one hundred. There is a promising choir of young people. Though there have been no additions to the church, the pastor thinks the prospects are hopeful.

4. BETHEL. Rev. T. H. Johnson, after six years of faithful service with this church, has closed his labors among them. The church has been strengthened and profited by his ministrations. Mr. Johnson leaves them in a much better condition than he found them. It is believed that this church will soon be able to sustain preaching without aid from the Missionary Society.

5. BRAINTREE. Rev. J. B. Griswold left at the close of his year, March 1st. Since then Rev. Ammi Nichols, the oldest officiating minister in the State, who bears a strong affection for this little church, preaches to them as God gives him strength. May his prayers prevail to bring down the showers of divine grace upon Braintree Hill!

6. BRISTOL. This church was greatly favored in securing, immediately after the dismissal of Rev. G. L. Gleason, another under-shepherd in whom they were well united. A good deal of religious interest was manifest in the early part of the winter, and though some were gathered into the church, the pastor, Rev. A. B. Lyon, expresses disappointment that no more fruit appeared.

7. BURKE EAST. Rev. W. R. Joyslin left, at the close of his year, for Massachusetts. The church is for the present supplied by Rev. Daniel Ladd, who improves his vacation from foreign missionary work in seeking to strengthen this home missionary church. It seems to be peculiarly the mission of this church to train up her children to do work for the Master in other fields. She is weak that others may be strong.

8. BROWNINGTON has settled Rev. David Shurtliff, who was sent to them as an itinerant laborer. Their prospects are more hopeful than for some years. Meetings are held occasionally at Barton Landing, which is assuming some business importance, and may soon become a part of Brownington.

9. CHARLESTON WEST was supplied three months by Rev. R. V. Hall of Newport, but, as it was not convenient for him to move his family there, they hired Mr. N. W. Grover for seven months. They have purchased a parsonage and bell, and are ready to welcome a devoted and faithful pastor.

10. CAMBRIDGEPORT. This is a new church, organized within the year, hopeful in its beginnings. Mr. J. C. McCollom, who is hired by them for the year, has entered upon the work of the ministry with no previous professional preparation. May he prove himself a workman who needeth not to be ashamed of his work!

11. COLCHESTER. An arrangement has lately been made by which Rev. E. E. Herrick will preach here only three-fourths of the time. He spends half a day, on every alternate Sabbath, with the little church at West Milton. These two fields give ample work for any laborer to do.

12. DORSET EAST. This small church has just been organized. Its prospects for growth depend much upon the development of the extensive marble quarries lying near. Its present members are hopeful. They are much favored in having a minister of the experience of Rev. F. W. Olmstead as their first teacher.

13. FERRISBURGH. Mainly through the zeal and untiring efforts of Rev. H. F. Leavitt, this church has the prospect of soon having a house of worship of their own. The building is going rapidly forward. They have hitherto been prevented from having preaching more than half of the time, for the want of a house to meet in. They have a lot for a parsonage. We hope that brighter days are dawning upon them.

14. GLOVER. This church worships alternately in the east and west part of the town. They are thoroughly repairing their house of worship in the west part of the town. An improved condition in the church and society bears witness to the faithful labors of their pastor. Though constantly suffering from losses by immigration, we confidently expect soon to see them self-sustaining.

15. GRANBY. The small population in this town and Victory renders this a limited field of labor. Yet the people who live here need the ordinances of the gospel as much as do those who live in the larger villages. It is difficult, however, for the people, with all the help they can get from the Missionary Society, to make out a salary sufficient to support a minister.

16. GUILDHALL. Rev. J. Laird finds much to encourage him in this field, to offset some discouragements with which he meets. There is greater regularity in attendance upon public worship and the Sabbath School, and increased stability on the part of the church.

17. HOLLAND. The death of Dea. Ferrin was a great loss to this church. Rev. A. T. Ranney has labored with them for the year. Their numbers are few, but the town is well adapted to farming, and must eventually have wealth and a good population. If the church are faithful now in sustaining religious institutions, they may expect to renew their strength in due time.

18. HIGHGATE. The pastor writes: "The church is better united and far more hopeful than one year ago. I am confident that the year's labor has given me a foundation to build on in the future, which I could not have when I came here. A few have been converted, Christians have been nurtured, and the children and youth directed in the right way."

19. HUBBARDTON. Rev. C. Granger writes in respect to the work of grace in that town: "The religious interest which has existed all winter still continues. So great has been the change in the town that we can go into any school district and have an interesting prayer-meeting. Two years ago it was difficult to maintain one weekly prayer-meeting; now we maintain four. Several young men who, one year ago, were habitual Sabbath breakers, are now members of the Bible class."

20. HYDEPARK. The question of building a house of worship has been agitated, and a small legacy has been left the society for that purpose. The church can look for but little growth till they have a house of their own. Mr. Bailey continues to preach here half of the time, and the other half at North Hydepark.

21. HYDEPARK NORTH. Mr. Bailey writes: "We are gaining ground in the community. The tide of influence sets in our favor. Our congregation has increased the last of the year, and the Sabbath School is quite flourishing. We have just raised $20,00 for a library. A majority of our members are in the prime of life, and just beginning in the world. We hope to grow in grace and in ability to maintain the institutions of the gospel."

22. JAMAICA. For the first time for several years this church is trying to maintain preaching. "The meeting-house is undergoing repairs. Over one hundred volumes have been added to the Sabbath School library." Mr. L. G. Chase has labored with them since last August with great acceptance.

23. LONDONDERRY SOUTH. This church has been considerably strengthened by additions. Its members live scattered. They have no house of worship of their own, and hardly feel able to build one. A

desire has been expressed to have congregational preaching at the north village, where at present no religious services are regularly held by any denomination. They certainly should have stated preaching there.

24. LOWELL. Rev. A. A. Smith writes: "There has been no special revival this year; but a steady and increasing interest in town. In one out-district, where one of our younger members is laboring in a very successful Sabbath School, there has been a marked change. Meetings have been kept up every Sabbath evening during the winter, myself and the Baptist minister alternating. This field never seemed to me to promise so much as now. We are suffering still from removals." They are preparing to build a parsonage, and have received some $200,00 from a benevolent individual to aid them.

25. LUDLOW. This church was destitute during the early part of the year, and did not seem as earnestly engaged as they ought, to secure a minister. Rev. J. P. Stone, who has labored with them since last fall, writes: "We had a season of special interest, commencing with the week of prayer, and did hope for a precious work of grace. The interest, however, gradually subsided, and we can only say, we *almost* had a revival. As a church we are weak, but our hope is that the Great Head of the Church will communicate strength by-and-by.

26. MIDDLETOWN. We were sorry that Mr. Myrick felt it to be his duty to leave this church. They needed and would have been glad to retain his services longer. They are now without regular preaching. They have suffered for want of permanent religious influences.

27. MORGAN has enjoyed the services of Rev. A. R. Gray every other Sabbath. He writes: "There is an increase of lay effort that is encouraging. Sabbath Schools are sustained and prayer-meetings are held at the 'Corner,' on the 'Beach,' and on the 'Plain.' Brother Clarke is able to preach some, and will hold religious service in out-districts once in two weeks during the summer. I am doing the same, so that we hope to accomplish something in the way of parochial evangelization. The attendance on preaching and the Sabbath Schools is increasing."

28. NEWBURY WEST. Rev. David Connell preaches half of the time at the union meeting house, and half of the time at the town house. "The week of prayer was observed with cheering interest and hopeful results. The church seemed greatly revived, and we count some hopeful conversions."

29. PITTSFIELD. This little church continues to enjoy the labors of Rev. S. Sparhawk. A Young Men's Christian Association has been organized with good results. Three prayer meetings were sustained a good part of the year.

30. PLAINFIELD. A member of this church has nearly completed his theological studies, and will soon enter upon the work of the ministry. Rev. C. M. Winch was laid aside by sickness nearly two months. The church remains much as last year.

31. RIPTON. This church feels the burden of the debt incurred by building their house of worship. Rev. C. H. Kent has continued to labor among them. The members of the church are so widely scattered that it is difficult to maintain the church prayer meeting, though it is done.

32. ROXBURY. Rev. A. Ladd writes: "While we cannot rejoice over a general revival, we are made glad by the evidence that prayer has been answered. The Sabbath School was never so efficient as now, nor so many under its influence. We propose to reach those in the outlying districts by mission schools. True religion evidently has a stronger hold on the public mind than a year ago, and we expect, by the grace of God, soon to rejoice over a more abundant harvest."

33. SANDGATE. This church is one of the least among the thousands of Israel, and has not for some years tried to maintain preaching. As the Methodists have preaching there most of the time, they are not entirely without the means of grace.

34. SHELDON. The pastor was absent a part of the year for his health. The pulpit was supplied in the meantime by Rev. A. J. Samson. Sheldon is becoming a resort for visitors during the summer months, who come to test the virtue of the springs there. This increases the congregation during a part of the year, and may add somewhat to the permanent population of the place.

35. SUDBURY. Rev. H. F. Rustedt holds fast to his work in this town, and though the church does not increase in numbers, he feels encouraged to labor on and wait for the blessing of God.

36. TROY NORTH. The house of worship has been kept open during the year and the gospel has been preached by Rev. D. H. Babcock. No marked change has taken place in the condition of the church.

37. TROY. Rev. J. A. Farrar, who preached here half of the time, accepted a call to a church in Pennsylvania at the close of his year. He is succeeded by Rev. Mr. Goodhue.

38. TUNBRIDGE has been without preaching and without meetings most of the time since Mr. Alden left them last fall. Some efforts have been made to find them a minister, but as yet without success.

39. WARREN. Rev. B. C. Ward reports some "facts" as follows: "Christian ties strengthened; moral distinctions seen and felt more; temperance society flourishing; organized a library association; raised $200,00 and purchased 250 volumes; Sabbath School getting a stronger

hold, ordinances of religion also. Between forty and fifty families who live on the river, or in the west part of the town, do not attend, and never have in all their lives been in the habit of attending church."

40. WEATHERSFIELD BOW. As the result of feeble health, Rev. G. H. White, after two years of labor, was obliged in March to leave this church, to whom he had greatly endeared himself. Mr. White writes: "I feel very sorry to stop, for I love this people, still my health demands a vacation from study. In these two years I cannot but feel that good has been done. Twenty-four have united with the church; eighteen by profession and six by letter. Those who have united mostly seem like active, working Christians. For fourteen months they have sustained a vigorous prayer-meeting without devolving any of the responsibility on me. The contributions for benevolent objects have been $400,00." The money which the missionary society pays over to aid this church, comes from a fund which was left for that special purpose by Major Charles Jarvis.

41. WESTON has been supplied through the year by Rev. J. W. C. Pike. The church is weak and has received very little gain for some years.

42. WOLCOTT. No important change has taken place in this church during the year. Meetings have been regularly held both at the centre and in the out-districts.

43. WORCESTER. Little of present encouragement is reported from this field. The good seed has been sown another year. Though the missionary finds it a discouraging field, yet, through God's blessing, it may bud and blossom as the rose.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

	Fields and Missionaries.	Began.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Am'ts to be paid. By the people.	Am'ts to be paid. By the society.	Am'ts to be paid. Total.	Aver. Congregation.	No. in Sab. School.
1.	ALBANY								110	68
	C. L. Hubbard	Mar. 29, 1868	5	$7 00	$8 50	$43 50	.....	$43 50	.....	
2.	BRIDGEWATER								75	31
	H. A. Cutler	May 12, 1867	14	7 00	5 75	37 75	$66 00	103 75	.....	
	F. D. Sargent	Mar. 28, 1868	6	7 00	7 40	10 00	39 40	49 40	.....	
	J. W. Hartshorn	May 28, 1868	1	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
3.	BROWNINGTON								100	90
	David Shurtliff	June 28, 1867	12	7 00	10 25	94 25	.....	94 25	.....	
4.	CAMBRIDGEPORT								100	54
	Everts Kent	July 3, 1867	7	7 00	3 00	28 00	24 00	52 00	.....	
	J. C. McCollom	Feb. 1, 1868	13	11 54	.....	100 00	50 00	150 00	.....	
5.	CHITTENDEN								50	40
	Edward W. Bacon	May 31, 1867	8	6 00	6 00	33 65	20 35	54 00	.....	
	James W. Cooper	Aug. 1, 1867	5	7 00	9 35	44 35	.....	44 35	.....	
	W. D. Brown	Mar. 28, 1868	7	7 00	6 00	.....	55 00	55 00	.....	
	Charles R. Strong	May 15, 1868	3	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
6.	DUXBURY								55	34
	James W. Van Dyke	May 10, 1867	13	7 00	7 40	40 00	58 40	98 40	.....	
	Henry C. Weston	Mar. 28, 1868	6	7 00	7 50	31 50	18 00	49 50	.....	
	A. A. Bookstaver	May 15, 1868	3	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
7.	ESSEX JUNCTION								.....	
	Rev. A. G. Willard	June 1, 1868	26	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	
8.	JAMAICA								70	60
	L. G. Chase	Aug. 9, 1867	6	7 00	.....	.....	42 00	42 00	.....	
9.	MONTGOMERY								60	45
	E. J. Ranslow	May 10, 1867	7	7 00	9 00	47 00	11 00	58 00	.....	
	Charles M. Southgate	Mar. 28, 1868	6	7 00	13 15	34 15	21 00	55 15	.....	
	E. C. Starr	May 28, 1868	2	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
10.	PLYMOUTH								40	35
	Thomas S. Smith	Mar. 28, 1866	7	7 00	6 50	13 85	39 00	52 85	.....	
11.	RICHMOND								60	40
	George Wood	May 21, 1868	4	7 00	7 35	.....	35 35	35 35	.....	
12.	ROCKINGHAM								80	30
	Everts Kent	May 14, 1867	5	7 00	3 00	.....	38 00	38 00	.....	
	James G. Dougherty	Aug. 22, 1867	3	7 00	5 30	.....	26 30	26 30	.....	
13.	SIMONSVILLE								80	25
	J. F. Dripps	May 10, 1867	10	7 00	6 20	7 00	62 20	69 20	.....	
	Henry P. Collin	May 21, 1868	2	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
14.	STOWE, WEST								70	30
	E. W. Twitchell	May 11, 1867	7	7 00	7 50	10 25	46 25	56 50	.....	
	J. H. Babbitt	Mar. 28, 1868	3	7 00	4 00	.....	25 00	25 00	.....	
	C. S. Walker	May 28, 1868	1	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
15.	STRATTON								70	50
	Geo. L. Dickerman	May 25, 1868	9	7 00	4 55	.....	67 55	67 55	.....	
	H. M. Whitney	Aug. 22, 1867	3	7 00	3 00	.....	24 00	24 00	.....	
	Albert E. Dunning	April 1, 1868	6	7 00	9 35	28 00	23 35	51 35	.....	
	A. D. Brown	May 29, 1868	1	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
16.	WEST HAVEN								112	67
	Wm. Swan	May 3, 1867	12	7 00	3 00	87 00	.....	87 00	.....	
	J. M. Hunting	May 8, 1868	4	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
17.	WHITEHALL, EAST								75	35
	S. D. Williams	May 8, 1868	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ALBANY. This church, having built themselves a very neat house of worship, manifested a strong desire to have preaching. As they were unable to obtain a minister at once, at their request, they are supplied this summer by students. It is expected that they will meet all the expenses without any charge to the Missionary Society.

2. BRIDGEWATER. This church has been supplied nearly half of the year. Considerable religious interest has shown itself. Error seems to be giving way, and the truth to gain ground.

3. BROWNINGTON. This church, being without a minister, was supplied by a student, who commended himself so much to the people that they finally recalled him, and he is now their pastor.

4. CAMBRIDGEPORT. Such was the desire manifest in this place for meetings last summer, that Mr. Kent was transferred from Rockingham to preach to them. In the winter they hired Mr. J. C. McCollom. On the recommendation of the Windham County Association, an appropriation of $50,00 was made to sustain Mr. McCollom in preaching there three months. A church was then organized, of more than twenty members, most of them joining by profession of faith.

5. CHITTENDEN. The Congregational church is situated in the north part of the town. There is neither post office nor store in the parish. It has a population of about 300. There are fifty-eight families. Twenty-two of these are nominally evangelical. Sixteen of them are Romanists. There is considerable pecuniary ability among those who favor Congregational preaching, but not that fixed purpose to maintain the institutions of the gospel which is needful to secure preaching through the year.

6. DUXBURY. A good degree of interest has been manifested in attending meetings during the twenty-two weeks of labor expended here. If this church and congregation possessed the earnest purpose that is manifest in some of our parishes, they would have a minister all of the time.

7. ESSEX JUNCTION. An application was made by the people worshiping here, for assistance in maintaining Congregational preaching every other Sabbath. $100,00 was granted for that object. The money has not been called for yet.

8. JAMAICA. (*See under Ordinary Department.*)

9. MONTGOMERY. This church contains some efficient members. The families connected with it are few in number. They have been supplied by students fifteen weeks, and have been able to secure preaching a part of the remaining time.

10. PLYMOUTH has enjoyed much of the Divine favor. Christians have been quickened, sinners have been awakened and several have given their hearts to Christ. Mr. Baldwin has labored very faithfully, and the services of the students have been prized. The indications of improvement in this town are increasing.

11. RICHMOND. This church has maintained preaching without aid for two years past, but being without a minister this summer, they applied for a student, and one has been sent them.

12. ROCKINGHAM was supplied last summer, but as no place was found for a student to board this season, no missionary has been sent there.

13. SIMONSVILLE. A large proportion of the inhabitants in this field are spiritualists or errorists of some kind. There are, however, a few praying souls who earnestly desire an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. While there is even one who can offer the prayer of faith, we have encouragement to labor on.

14. STOWE WEST. Eleven weeks of labor have been spent in this field, not without some good results. It embraces a population not readily accommodated with religious privileges at any convenient central point. It constitutes a large out-district, which needs faithful culture.

15. STRATTON. The reports from this field have been very cheering. The Spirit of God has attended the preaching of the word, and several persons have given their hearts to Christ. For two years past the dews of heavenly grace have descended upon this little church.

16. WEST HAVEN. A good degree of religious interest existed in this field last summer. A few persons gave evidence of having passed from death to life. Prayer meetings were well sustained. It seems a most desirable and a practicable thing for this church and the one at East Whitehall to unite in securing and sustaining a minister between them.

17. WHITEHALL EAST. A student has been sent to spend the summer with this church. No report has been received from him yet.

SUMMARY.

IN THE ORDINARY DEPARTMENT,

Forty-three churches have been assisted. This is five more than were aided last year, and is a larger number than we have had on our roll at any time for ten years past.

Of the new ones on our catalogue, those at East Dorset and Cambridgeport were organized during the year. The former is in a village where considerable growth is anticipated through the development of extensive marble quarries in the immediate vicinity. For the present it must rely upon the missionary society for aid.

Two of the other churches taken up during the year had been without Congregational preaching for several years, and are among the fullest in the State, viz: Jamaica and Sandgate. Sandgate had at the beginning of the year but a single male member. It has now two. After a supply of six months it is again destitute.

The church in Brownington having parted with twelve members to found a church in Missouri, is compelled to ask for help to enable her to raise up another colony with which to bless some other part of the land.

GROWTH OF THE CHURCHES.

Seven churches have received no additions to their membership, viz: those in West Berlin, Braintree, Holland, Plainfield, Sheldon, Ripton and Worcester. All of the others, from which a full report has been made, make mention of some increase. Several have been greatly blessed.

Those reporting the largest number of conversions and additions are Bristol, Cambridgeport, Lowell, Hubbardton and Glover. In the latter place the gain is such that we hope soon to see the church self-sustaining.

In Lowell the gospel is slowly working like leaven, in connection with the patient labors of Rev. A. A. Smith, in all parts of the town. Were it not for the losses by immigration we should hope to see this church soon become strong. A very timely donation of $200,00 has lately been given them by a generous-hearted lady in the State, to assist them in building a parsonage.

The work of grace in Hubbardton is represented as reaching to all parts of the town, and as having wrought some blessed results.

The whole number of hopeful conversions reported is 181. The additions to the missionary churches have been 165 by profession, and seventy-four by letter—239 in all. They have lost by dismissions, deaths and exclusion, ninety-six, leaving a net increase of 143 members.

The number of additions by profession is larger than we have had occasion to record for many years. The average additions by profession for the past ten years is ninety and a small fraction, per year.

The increase of religious interest during the past two years seems to be owing, in a considerable degree, to a general and devout observance of the week of prayer, and to greater activity in carrying religious influences into the out-districts. These are hopeful signs. A praying and working church will be aggressive, and may confidently expect enlargement.

Five churches report seven young men in a course of preparation for the ministry.

IN THE ITINERANT DEPARTMENT,

Faithful labor has met with its reward, and we have new evidence of the importance of this agency in strengthening the things that are ready to die.

Thirty-six missionaries have been employed, performing 237 weeks of service, in seventeen fields. Hopeful conversions are reported in Bridgewater, Cambridgeport, Duxbury, Plymouth, Stratton and West Haven.

A manifest change seems to be in progress in Plymouth, leading to a greater demand for religious services than has hitherto existed.

The church in Jamaica had last summer been destitute of preaching for nearly five years. Their house of worship was fast going to decay, and becoming the dwelling-place of bats. Its forsaken and dilapidated appearance tempted every idle boy to cast stones at it. And the temptation had evidently not been successfully resisted.

An offer was made to some of the people who desired a different state of things, to furnish them with preaching for a few weeks, if they would board the missionary. On their consenting to this arrangement, Mr. L. G. Chase was sent them. A good congregation was soon gathered, a Sabbath School organized, and a subscription was started to raise money to thoroughly remodel their church.

At the close of six weeks the people hired Mr. Chase for half a year, looking to the Missionary Society for $100,00 to aid them, and engaged the Universalist church to hold meetings in through the winter.

The work on their church is going forward. They have renewed their engagement with Mr. Chase, and their present prospects seem more hopeful than for many years.

When churches relapse into such a state, some such agency from without as our itinerant department affords, seems necessary to rouse them to action.

Considerable religious interest was manifest in Cambridgeport a year ago last spring and summer in connection with the labors of the itinerant missionaries there. In the course of last winter the people in the

place employed Mr. J. C. McCollom, a young man who had been engaged in the practice of the law, to preach for them. He was raised up in one of our missionary parishes, and had gradually come to feel that he was called to preach rather than to practice law.

Mr. McCollom's labors seem to have resulted in good. Several persons have been led to give their hearts to Christ and commence a new life. Some of them are individuals of mature life, who had for years been the open advocates of the doctrine of universal salvation.

In April a council was called which organized a Congregational church there of twenty-two members. Seven others have been since added. It is the only church in the village.

What makes this case one of peculiar interest is that many years ago a small Congregational church was organized on the same ground, which by removals and deaths soon ceased to have even a name to live. None of its records could be found, but one woman who joined the new church had been a member of the old one.

Simonsville, in the town of Andover, is, in many respects, the most difficult and unpromising of all the fields we have tried to reach with gospel truth. It is thoroughly overrun with Spiritualism. The Bible, in the estimation of the people at large, is of no higher authority than the professed revelations of their so-called "mediums." The only evangelical element there is a Baptist church in one corner of the town.

We have occupied Simonsville because it is utterly neglected territory, and is as much missionary ground as is Central Asia. Two or three souls there have found Christ, through the labors of the missionaries, and the confidence of others seems to be shaken in Spiritualism as affording any sure foundation on which to build their hopes of eternal life. There are not a few such neglected fields in the State that need patient and long continued culture by wise husbandmen.

Some applications have been made to us for help that we have been unable to meet. The churches in Waterville and Marshfield each desired a minister for half of the time for a year. But there is no other church near either of them in like need, where a minister could spend the other half of his time.

In Orange there is at present no preaching. There is no Congregational church in town. But the people have recently raised $300,00 to support a Congregational minister, and forwarded an earnest request to have one sent them for the year.

We see no way of meeting the wants of such places except by employing

COUNTY MISSIONARIES.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, diligent efforts were made to secure some men of experience and adapted-

ness to the work, to act as county missionaries in the destitute towns in Windham and Windsor counties. The work was deemed of sufficient importance to justify us in calling men to it who were ministering to some of our churches, if laborers could not be obtained without.

Several men were solicited to enter the needy fields. One minister consented to do so. But when his intention was made known to his people, they besought him so earnestly to remain with them, that he finally felt it to be his duty to do so.

Though we were disappointed last season in securing ministers for this work, we confidently hope to be more successful this year. Our conviction of the importance of the work has increased.

In Windham, Windsor, Orange and Essex counties, there is pressing need of such laborers.

FEMALE CENT SOCIETIES.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at our last anniversary, an appeal was made to the women in our churches to return to the practice of former years and organize "Female Cent Societies" in all of our parishes, primarily to help forward our itinerant and county missionary work. That appeal was cheerfully responded to by not a few willing-hearted women. $750,00 has been forwarded by them as their first year's offering, showing that about 1500 women have put their hands to this work.

What cannot such an army accomplish with the recruits they can easily enlist?

Five societies have sent in an amount equal to one cent a week for every female member of the churches with which they are connected, viz: Barton, Bethel, Clarendon, Post Mills and St. Albans. Some others have done nearly as well. With a little effort could not all achieve the same result?

We are pleased to notice that, with a few exceptions, the amounts collected by these Cent Societies is so much over and above the sums usually paid by the churches of which they are members.

We are much gratified by this auspicious commencement, and feel confident that the faith, the zeal, and the love for Christ, which has prompted so successful a beginning, will show another year far greater results.

With the capital which has thus been put into our hands, and the earnest it affords of future benefactions from the same source, we shall feel no hesitation in incurring the expense of employing county missionaries.

TREASURY.

Our receipts for current expenses, for the year, including the balance in the treasury at the last anniversary, have been $13,365 55, which

exceeds the amount reported the previous year, by more than $500,00.

We have paid to the American Home Missionary Society $1500,00. About $2,000,00 have been sent from the State to that society, without passing through our treasury.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

There is a great lack of system in some of our churches in regard to making contributions for benevolent objects. They have no fixed time for taking collections, and apparently no definite purpose to take them at all, except as it is urged upon their attention.

The Secretary has to spend much time in securing collections which should be devoted to the repairing of desolate places.

It is a high honor to the church in Middlebury that she has not failed, for a single year since the organization of our society, to make her generous offerings to its treasury. She has thus blessed the feeble churches with her constant pecuniary aid, perhaps, not less than the college she has fostered has helped them to a faithful ministry. May all our churches imitate her constancy and benevolence during the next half-century!

THE FEEBLE CHURCHES.

In looking over our churches as they are to-day, we find not far from eighty that may properly be called feeble. This includes some that, at the present time, maintain the institutions of the gospel without aid. It is, however, with great effort, and the death or removal of one or two of their principal supporters would at once bring them upon the Missionary Society. These churches are distributed as follows: In Addison county, four; in Bennington county, four; in Caledonia county, one; in Chittenden county, five; in Essex county, three; in Franklin county, seven; in Grand Isle county, one; in Lamoille county, six; in Orange county, nine; in Orleans county, ten; in Rutland county, seven; in Washington county, seven; in Windham county, ten; in Windsor county, eight. The only hope that many of these churches can have that they will be able to maintain the preaching of the gospel in coming years, is in the continued existence and friendly aid of the Domestic Missionary Society.

As then we stand at the close of a half century of missionary labor in Vermont, are we to conclude that our work is done, that we have prosecuted it long enough and far enough? Is it a work that we may now abandon with the assurance that the Master no longer calls us to this service, and that the interests of his kingdom will be *best* subserved by devoting our treasures, and expending our energies to carry forward some other enterprise?

If we give it up who will henceforth preach Christ to the 8000 souls

now identified with the congregations gathered by these churches? Who will care for the 4000 children assembled in their Sabbath Schools, and feed the kids beside the shepherds' tents? Who will visit and strengthen and comfort the hearts of the more than 3000 members who constitute these churches, welcome them to the table of the Lord, and, by the constant presentation of truth to their minds, fortify them against temptation, and persuade them to continue steadfast unto the end? If the feeble churches are left to die, what will the stronger churches do without the additions to their membership which they are constantly drawing from these little flocks gathered in our rural towns? How will the church at home and abroad prosper without the recruits for the ministry and missionary service which come so largely from our agricultural districts, and from the bosom of our weak churches?

What will be the effect upon society at large and upon the churches at the West, if we cease to labor to evangelize all in Vermont, and confine our efforts to the wants of our stronger churches?

My Christian friends, is the missionary work in Vermont one of such doubtful expediency and so barren of results that we can have a moment's hesitation in regard to our duty to continue it? Has not the blessing of a covenant-keeping God attended it in the past, and does not His voice, coming adown the years, urge us to-day to go forward and do with our might the work He has laid out before us—*that of building up His churches and proclaiming His gospel to all the inhabitants of this State and of the land?*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 15, 1868.

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.				
BRISTOL—May 4	$21 10	$	$	$
CORNWALL—Church and society, June 20, $3 50; May 13, Cent society, $39 30	3 50		39 30	
FERRISBURGH—Church and society, June 19, $25 00; Oct. 10, $2 50	27 50			
MIDDLEBURY—Church and society, Aug. 23	171 86			
NEW HAVEN—Church and society, June 19, $46 67; July 13, $10 00	56 67			
ORWELL—Church and society, Nov. 15	50 00			
RIPTON—Church and society, Sept. 11	16 00			
VERGENNES—Church and society, Jan. 24	62 00			
SHOREHAM—Church and society, April 8	46 00			
BENNINGTON COUNTY.				
ARLINGTON EAST—Church and society, March 11	21 50			
BENNINGTON CENTER—Church and society, Oct. 1, $55 59; Oct. 21, $5 00	60 59			
DORSET—Church and society, Nov. 6	36 05			
DORSET EAST—Church and society, March 19	16 00			
MANCHESTER—Church and society, June 18, $50 40; Nov. 5, $39 00; Female Cent society, Jan. 13, $14 30	89 40		14 30	
PERU—Church and society, March 9	13 70			
SANDGATE—Church and society, March 10	5 00			
CALEDONIA COUNTY.				
BURKE EAST—Church and society, Dec. 11, $9 00; June 3, $13 00	21 00			
HARDWICK—Church and society, May 16	23 00			
LYNDON—Church and society, March 9, $13 23; April 8, $13 13	26 36			
PEACHAM—Church and society, Feb. 20	67 03			
ST. JOHNSBURY—2d church and society, $54 93; June 3, Female Cent society, $50 00; Mr. Horace Fairbanks, $250 00	54 93	250 00	50 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and society, Oct. 24, $36 47; March 3, $41 41: Dec. 7, $33 82; May 7, $41 53; May, Cent society, $42 23; Mr. T. Fairbanks, June 18, $500 00; May 29, $500 00	143 20	1000.	42 23	
ST. JOHNSBURY—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co.	1000.			
WATERFORD—Church and society, June 8, $16 06; May 25, Cent society, $8 00	16 06		8 00	

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Female Cent Societies	From Itinerant Fields.
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.	$	$	$	$
BURLINGTON—1st church and society, June 18, $8 60; July 6, $8 00; June 3, J. W. Hickok, $100 00	16 60	100 00		
BURLINGTON—3d church and society	59 77			
CHARLOTTE—Aug. 8	30 00			
COLCHESTER—June 9	20 00			
HINESBURGH—Church and society, June 19	15 00			
JERICHO CENTER—Church and society, Dec. 13, $29 65; Rev. A. Hazen, June 18, $10 00; Oct. 8, $10 00; Cent society, May 21, $8 10; Oct. 16, $5 00	49 65		13 10	
RICHMOND—Church and society, June 25, $11 00; May 3, $8 75	19 75			
UNDERHILL—Church and society, Feb. 20, $3 00; June 3, $20 00	23 00			
WESTFORD—Rev. E. B. Chamberlain, June 14, $5 00; Cent society, $22 50	5 00		22 50	
WILLISTON—Church and society, Jan. 22	25 00			
WINOOSKI—Church and society, May 24	22 50			
ESSEX COUNTY.				
GRANBY—Church and society, March 11	15 00			
GUILDHALL—Church and society, Aug. 13, $7 36; Nov. 15, $4 16; Feb. 7, $7 00	18 52			
LUNENBURGH—Church and society, Jan. 22	19 19			
FRANKLIN COUNTY.				
BAKERSFIELD—Church and society, Feb. 17	11 01			
BERKSHIRE EAST—Church and society, April 1, $13 00; Cent society, May 18, $8 40	13 00		9 40	
FAIRFAX—May 1, Cent society			6 30	
HIGHGATE—Church and society, Dec. 11, to constitute Dea. J. Ricord a life-member	16 75			
MONTGOMERY—Church and society, July 16, $47 00; May 11, $34 15				81 15
SHELDON—Church and society, June 3	36 50			
ST. ALBANS—Church and society, April 13, $413 00: Cent society, July 2, $15 00; March 23, $30 00; June 3, $15 00, to constitute Hon. Lawrence Brainerd, Hon. J. G. Smith, F. Stuart Stranahan, Freeman Warner, Myron B. Olmstead, Aldis O. Brainerd, Charles B. Swift, Mrs. Mary D. Brainerd, Miss Antha Warren, Moses P. Merrill, James C. Merrill, and Samuel Merrill life-members	413 00		60 00	
SWANTON—Cent society, July 1			17 75	
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONF. OF CHURCHES.	19 00			
LAMOILLE COUNTY.				
MORRISVILLE—Church and society, Feb. 27	17 00			
STOWE—Church and society, April 1, $23 00, Mrs. Williamson, June 23, $5 00; Cent society, April 26, $14 75	28 00		14 75	
STOWE WEST—Aug. 6, $4 25; Sept. 5, $6 00				10 75
WATERVILLE—"A friend," Feb. 1, $5 00; March 24, $2 00; June 3, $5 00			12 00	
WOLCOTT—Church and society, June 19, $4 00; June 4, $15 00	19 00			
ORANGE COUNTY.				
BRAINTREE—Church and society, June 11	9 00			
BRADFORD—Church and society, Oct. 3, $41 85; Cent society, $37 00	41 85		37 60	
CHELSEA—Church and society, Jan. 8	34 00			
NEWBURY—Church and society, Sept. 9	78 58			
POST MILLS—Church and society, Oct. 9	21 15			
RANDOLPH CENTER—Church and society, July 15	17 25			
STRAFFORD—Church and society, Aug. 14	16 50			
THETFORD—Church and society, Jan. 20	49 66			
TUNBRIDGE—Church and society, Nov. 25, $7 55; Dec. 9, $9 09	16 64			
WELLS RIVER—Church and society, Sept. 23, to constitute E. G. Parker life-member of A. H. M. S.	47 00			
WEST FAIRLEE—June 3, Cent society			10 90	
WILLIAMSTOWN—Church and society, Dec. 11, $0 75; June 12, $10 00	10 75			

ORLEANS COUNTY.	For Itinerant Department	For Ordinary Department	From Female Cent Societies	From Itinerant Fields.
ALBANY—Church and society, May 22	$	$	$	$43 50
BROWNINGTON—Church and society, Oct. 10, $94 25; June 3, $13 70	13 70			94 25
BARTON—June 3, $5 00; Cent society, $35 00	5 00		35 00	
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and society, April 6, $25 00; Cent society, $7 17	25 00		7 17	
COVENTRY—March 9, church and society, $35 00; P. H. W., $15 00; Cent society, $12 00, to constitute L. S. Nye, Abbie W. Nye and J. R. Gray life-members	50 00		12 00	
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, June 3, $10 28; Cent society, $37 50	10 28		37 50	
DERBY—Church and society, Aug. 6	10 00			
GLOVER—Church and society, June 3	20 00			
GREENSBORO—Church and society, May 29	28 18			
HOLLAND—Church and society, June 9	7 25			
IRASBURGH—Church and society, June 18	16 48			
LOWELL—Church and society, June 17	20 00			
MORGAN—Church and society, June 6	8 50			
TROY—Church and society, June 18	6 30			
TROY NORTH—Church and society, March 6	6 50			
WESTFIELD—Church and society, June 18	5 00			
RUTLAND COUNTY.				
BRANDON—Church and society, Oct. 19, $26 00; Cent society, $37 81	26 00		37 81	
CASTLETON—Church and society, Dec. 27	90 26			
CHITTENDEN—Church and society, Oct. 10, $48 00; Oct. 4, $30 00				78 00
CLARENDON—Cent society, March 5, $27 00; church and society, Nov. 21, $41 00; of which from F. Button, $20 00, to constitute Harvey A. Steward a life-member	41 00		27 00	
HUBBARDTON—Church and society, June 21	20 00			
MIDDLETOWN—Church and society, July 9	21 25			
PAWLET—Church and society, June 10	50 00			
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, July 18, $17 00; May 9, $25 00	42 00			
POULTNEY—Church and society, March 16	20 60			
RUTLAND EAST—Church and society	82 15			
RUTLAND WEST—Church and society, Nov. 26	94 00			
SUDBURY—Church and society, June 3, $14 00; Cent society, $21 00	14 00		21 00	
TINMOUTH—May 15, Cent society			2 00	
WALLINGFORD—Jan. 22, Cent society, $1 05; Nov. 9, $14 64; church and society, $77 15, of which $20 00 from Rev. A. Walker to constitute Mrs. Alfred Hull a life-member	77 15		15 64	
WEST HAVEN—Church and society, Aug. 27				115 60
WASHINGTON COUNTY.				
BERLIN—Church and society, Jan. 21	3 00			
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, Feb. 25	23 00			
CABOT—Church and society, April 6, $7 00, June 5, $28 00; Mrs. Crosby, $2 00	37 00			
DUXBURY—Church and society, Sept. 4, $40 00, May 16, $31 50				71 50
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, Oct. 8, $10 53, Feb. 22, $18 00	28 53			
MONTPELIER—Church and society, $155 31; Cent society, $45 79	155 31		45 79	
PLAINFIELD—April 27, M. Kinney, $1 00; church and society, Jan. 3, $18 75, to constitute Dea. Justus Kinney life-member	19 75			
ROXBURY—Ch. & soc., Mar. 11, to con. W. I. Simonds l. m.	25 13			
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, July 9	25 00			
WARREN—Oct. 16	7 95			
WORCESTER—Church and society, April 28	13 00			
WINDHAM COUNTY.				
BRATTLEBORO—Church and society, July, 26 $185 76; Jan. 8, Sabbath school, $20 00	205 76			
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Feb 3	61 00			

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Female Cent Societies	From Itinerant Fields.
CAMBRIDGEPORT—Aug. 22, $28 00; May, $100 00	$	$	$	12[illegible] 00
FAYETTEVILLE—Church and society, July 26	10 00			
LONDONDERRY—South church and society, Nov. 28	12 25			
STRATTON—Church and society, May 18				28 [illegible]
TOWNSHEND EAST—Church and society, July 29	21 20			
WESTMINSTER EAST—Church and society, Feb. 3	6 50			
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and society, Feb. 3	23 78			
WINDHAM—Church and society, Aug. 6, $3 15; June 10, $33 00	36 15			
WINDSOR COUNTY.				
BETHEL—Cent society, Mar. 11, $27 50; May 18, $2,50; $0 50			30 50	
BRIDGEWATER—Church and society, Sept. 4, $30 00; May 18, $10 00; Cent society, $7 75			7 75	40 [illegible]
HARTFORD—Church and society, Dec. 31	90 00			
LUDLOW—Church and society, June 20, $8 25; June 6, $25 00; Mrs. Nancy K. Stone, $10 00, to constitute Dea. B. P. Spaulding and Dea. H. W. Parker life-members	43 25			
NORWICH—J. G. Stimson, May 12	50 00	50 00		
PLYMOUTH—Church and society, May 13, $13 85; T. S. Smith, $2 65		2 65		13 [illegible]
ROYALTON—Church and society, July 8	80 00			
ROYALTON SOUTH—Church and society, Feb	16 00			
QUEECHY—Church and society, March 11, $11 50; Aug. 19, a friend, $2 00; May 9, Cent society, $18 50	13 50		18 50	
SHARON—Church and society, June 25	12 00			
SPRINGFIELD—Church and society, Sept. 25, to constitute Dr. G. Knight, Charles E. Richardson, B. B. Choate, Welcome Olney, Geo. Woodbury and James Booth life-members of A. H. M. S	256 00			
SIMONSVILLE—Aug. 13				7 66
WEATHERSFIELD CENTER—Church and society	14 03			
WEATHERSFIELD BOW—Church and society, Aug. 4	15 00			
WINDSOR—Church and society, Feb. 7, gentlemen, $61 00, ladies, $41 60, of which for county missionary, $17 50	102 60			
WOODSTOCK—Church and society, Oct. 22, $43 02; Feb. 28, Cent society, $26 50; Jan. 8, Mason Ladd, $50 00	43 02	50 00	26 50	
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE		12 96		
WEST FARMINGTON, OHIO—Miss E. O. Page			50	

OTHER RECEIPTS.

June 19.	Annual Meeting at St. Albans	126 00
June 16.	General Convention, for expressage	6 32
July 26.	West Westminster, Z. F. Barnes' estate	30 00
Aug. 10.	Interest on Case's notes	98 88
Aug. 15.	On compound interest note	3 78
Aug. 15.	For coupon	3 65
Sept. 3.	Compound interest note	240 00
Sept. 3.	Interest	22 62
Sept. 3.	Coupons 7 3-10 U. S. bonds	65 70
Oct. 1.	Conpons on State bonds	45 00
Nov. 26.	Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers Railroad bonds	66 00
Nov. 16.	On exchange of U. S. bonds	2 45
Dec. 9.	Interest on J. Bowdish note	9 00
Jan. 2.	From J. G. Stimson on exchange of notes	268 39
Feb. 1.	On note of W. W. Storrs	325 00
Feb. 7.	On U. S. bonds	127 45
Feb. 12.	On Railroad and State bonds	87 60
Mar. 5.	Interest on Town's note	31 48
May 16.	Estate of the late Erastus Fairbanks	500 00
April 17.	Exchange of bonds	26 25
April 4.	Interest on Wm. M. Olverd's note	75 00
Mar. 10.	Interest of H. S. Town	31 48
Oct. 1.	Coupons of R. R. bonds	42 60

☞ The moneys paid to the Secretary, at the Annual Meeting at St. Johnsbury, came too late to be embraced in the above Receipts, as the account for the year closed on the 15th of June. They will appear in the next annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer*,

In account with the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DEBIT.

June 15, 1868.	To balance in the Treasury at last Report	$2,791 16	
	To received from collections and donations	9,033 48	
	To received from demands	1,540 91	
			$13,365 55

CREDIT.

By paid orders of Secretary	$7,536 14	
By Invested, mortgage security	241 10	
By paid American Home Missionary Society	1,500 00	
By paid printing Annual Reports, &c.	192 05	
By paid Salary of Secretary	1,000 00	
By paid Expenses of Secretary	200 00	
By paid Postage, Stationery, and Expressage	45 41	
Balance in Treasury	2,650 85	
		$13,365 55

I certify that I have this day examined the above account of C. W. Storrs, Treas., from June 17, 1867, to this date, and find he has charged himself with balance in his hands at date of the former settlement, being the sum of $2,791 16

And also with drafts during the year 10,574 39

Making the total sum of $13,365 55

I find he has disbursed during the year 10,714 70

Leaving the balance in his hands, to be hereinafter accounted for $2,650 85

For the disbursements charged proper vouchers were presented, and the accounts are correctly cast.

WILLIAM W. CADWELL.

Montpelier, June 15, 1868.

There is also in the care of the Treasurer the following Estate, Notes and Bonds, viz:

The William Olverd, Jr., farm, subject to redemption for		$866 00
2 notes against Francis Butterfly		468 00
1 " " C. J. Alger		80 00
3 " " William W. Storrs		766 00
5 " " H. S. Tower		535 00
10 " " T. A. Murray		1,105 00
The above notes are amply secured.		
22 shares Conn. and Pass. R. Roads, par value is		2,200 00
3 " Maine State Bonds		1,500 00
5 United States Bonds		1,600 00
2 " " Interest Notes		105 00
12 " " Compound Interest Notes		180 00
2 Pass. R. Road Bonds		1,500 00
		$10,905 00

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer*.

June 15, 1868.

Acknowledged in the Home Missionary.

Receipts, as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary during the year ending June 1st, 1868, which have not passed through our Treasury.

June, 1867.	MIDDLEBURY—Legacy of S. H. Parmalee	$25 00
"	STOWE—Dea. R. A. Savage	15 00
"	SWANTON—H. B. Farrar	3 00
Aug.	BURLINGTON—Mrs. R. S. Nichols	30 00
"	WEST RUTLAND—Sabbath School	160 00
Sept.	ASCUTNEYVILLE—Rev. S. Arnold	5 00
"	GEORGIA—Church and society	9 91
Oct.	EAST HARDWICK—Friends	2 00
Nov.	FAIRFIELD—Legacy of Samuel Morey	200 00
Dec.	IRASBURGH—Miss J. G. Birchard	5 00
"	SPRINGFIELD—Ladies' Benevolent Society	5 00
"	THETFORD—Ladies' Benevolent Society	2 50
Jan., 1868.	SHOREHAM—Legacy of Bela Howe	250 00
Feb.	PITTSFORD—Church and Society	130 00
March.	CHESTER—Mrs. A. Onion	1 00
"	ST. ALBANS	8 20
April.	ASCUTNEYVILLE—Rev. S. Arnold	5 00
"	BERLIN—Rev. T. Perrin	25 00
"	——— Harvey Griswold	500 00
"	CORNWALL—Legacy of Mrs. R. D. Matthews	94 00
"	ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER—Legacy of E. Ide	295 50
"	VERMONT—A friend	2 00
"	WESTMINSTER—J. Chapin	50 00
May.	JOHNSON—Church and society	42 00
"	WEST RUTLAND—Sabbath school	134 00
		$1,989 21

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I.—This society shall be known by the name of the *Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.*

ART. II.—This society shall consist of life-members who have paid twenty dollars at one time, of delegates from auxiliary societies, and of members of the General Convention; and all persons who have contributed to the funds of the society within a year, may be received as members by vote or general acquiescence.

ART. III.—The object of this society shall be to supply the destitute towns of this State with a preached gospel by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

ART. IV.—The officers of this society shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents, twelve Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. In addition to the twelve Directors, the President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Board *ex officio.*

ART. V.—The President, and in case of his absence, the senior Vice President, shall preside at all the meetings of the society. The Directors shall appoint and direct missionaries, shall have the control of the funds to promote the objects of the society, and shall make a report at each annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall superintend the correspondence of the society, and record the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the society. The Treasurer shall keep the moneys of the society, give bonds for the faithful execution of the duties of his office, and make a report at each annual meeting. The Directors may appoint missionaries, and transact any other necessary business, by a select committee chosen from their own members. No person shall be employed as a missionary who is not furnished with satisfactory testimonials of good Christian character and theological attainments.

ART. VI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the society, and addresses delivered, at such time and place as the society, by their regulations, shall establish.

The object of this society cannot be changed, but this Constitution may be amended (on a proposal of the Directors) at any annual meeting, by two-thirds of the members present.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ——— dollars in trust, to pay over the same, in ——— after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said society.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MISSIONARIES.

The Directors of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, having been embarrassed and retarded in their business, in consequence of the negligence of some of the missionaries to make their reports, until a few days before the annual meeting, think it expedient to pass the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is required of all missionaries, appointed by this Board, to make quarterly returns; and that *in all cases*, they return their annual reports to the Secretary by the first day of June. All who violate this rule are to expect the quarterly payment will be suspended three months.

BRANDON, June 24th, 1848.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the standard rate per cent. upon their grand lists, which churches shall be required to pay towards supporting their own ministers, in order to be entitled to receive aid from this society, be one hundred and twenty-five, instead of one hundred per cent., as heretofore: leaving the Executive Committee, however, with discretionary power to vary from this where peculiar circumstances shall seem to them to demand it.

2. In view of the incompetency of the salaries of the ministers of many of the aided churches: *Resolved*, That the Board will coöperate with those aided churches in increasing their minister's salary, who will increase their own subscription for his support to one hundred and fifty per cent.

The Board were led to these resolutions by such considerations as the following, viz.

1. Owing to the increased price of labor and produce, while the grand list remains the same, churches can pay 150 per cent. now, more easily than they could 100 per cent. in former years.

2. Many of the churches which are not aided pay as high or higher than the rate named in the above resolutions, for the support of their own ministers; and, in addition to that, contribute to the funds of this society; and it would seem unreasonable and unjust to take their contributions and appropriate them to aid churches which do not pay as high, or nearly as high, towards supporting the gospel among themselves.

3. It is found that those churches which voluntarily and cheerfully pay the most liberally, according to their means, for the support of the gospel, are the most prosperous, both as respects their spiritual and external affairs. And it is believed that the rate per cent. named in the resolutions, is no higher than Christians ought to tax themselves for the support of religion,—that to do much less would be to withhold *more* than is meet, which tendeth to both spiritual and temporal poverty.

4. The impossibility of extending operations to the numerous churches and communities which are still destitute, in our State, without greater liberality and self-denial, on the part of both the aided and unaided churches, is another strong reason, and one which, it is believed, will commend itself to every candid mind.

It is hoped that no feeble church will be dishcartened in consequence of this action of the Board; but rather that it will be stirred up to greater effort, and after doing the best it can, let its case be known to the Executive Committee.

MONTPELIER, June 23, 1854.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

EVERY application to the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY for aid should be made by a Committee authorized to act in behalf of the Church or Society, or both. The application must contain answers to the following questions:

1. Name of the minister to be employed?
2. Number of members of the church?
3. Amount of the grand list of the church?
4. Amount paid by the church for preaching?
5. Amount paid by those not belonging to the church?
6. Least amount of aid that will suffice from this society?
7. What number usually attend public worship?
8. What proportion of the church take decided ground in favor of the Temperance cause?
9. How long before preaching can be sustained without charitable aid?
10. Is the church or society in debt for past ministerial labors? If so, to what amount, and to whom?
11. From what date is aid asked?
12. Is aid expected from any other source?

All applications for aid should be approved by the Association, within whose bounds they arise, (or by a committee of such body.) Except in special cases, grants will not go back of the date of the application. It is very desirable that all churches, receiving aid from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, should so arrange their contracts with their minister, that the year may commence on the first of June, so that all applications, for the RENEWAL OF A GRANT, may be made at that time, as the Board can then act upon them at their annual meeting.

Appropriations are made for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of application. If further aid is needed, a new application must be made, containing all of the above mentioned particulars, and be properly endorsed and recommended.

☞ It is hoped that every feeble church will preserve a copy of these directions, and invariably comply with them in every application for aid.

Address REV. C. S. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary*,
MONTPELIER, VT.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Vermont Education Society held its Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting at St. Johnsbury, June 18, 1868.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Rev. P. H. WHITE, one of the Directors, took the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. B. F. RAY.

Rev. Messrs. A. B. SWIFT, A. W. WILD and S. L. BATES were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

The Report of the Secretary *ad interim* was read and accepted.

Addresses were made by Prof. HUNGERFORD, Rev. Messrs. W. T. HERRICK, J.Q. BITTINGER, GEO. B. TOLMAN, J. D. WICKHAM, D. D., B. F. RAY and Dea. WM. ADAMS.

The following resolution was presented by Prof. HUNGERFORD, and adopted by the Society :

Resolved, That in view of the great need of encouragement to young men to enter the ministry, the churches be urged to raise, this year, three thousand dollars for this purpose, and that the pastors of the churches be earnestly requested to fully present the subject for the action of the churches.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following persons as officers for the year, and they were elected :

President—REV. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D.

Vice Presidents—Pres. J. B. ANGELL, Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB.

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Addison Association, Rev. L. A. Austin; White River Association, Rev. W. SEWALL; Orleans Association, Rev. P. H. WHITE; Rutland Association, Rev. F. TUXBURY; Windsor Association, Rev. L. H. COBB; Royalton Association, Rev. W. A. JAMES; Orange Association, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS; Caledonia Association, Rev. J. TORREY; Winooski Association, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD; Bennington Association, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN; Montpelier Association, Rev. J. COPELAND.

The society then adjourned.

J. G. HALE, *Secretary ad interim.*

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Vermont Education Society submit the following report:

The Secretary chosen at the last annual meeting of the society, Rev. E. Mix, having left the State, and so vacated the office, Rev. J. G. Hale was appointed Secretary *pro tempore* in March last.

By the report of the Treasurer it will be seen that thirty-one churches have contributed to the funds of this society during the past year—a number considerably greater than the year preceding.

The amount contributed by churches and individuals connected with them the past year is $683,43, a sum greater than during either of the three years preceding.

The number of beneficiaries of the Parent Society has increased from 200 in 1865 to 333 in 1868. During our late civil war the attention of pious young men was in many instances diverted from the ministry. The contributions from the churches during those years of strife flowed in about as previously, while the demand for assistance, owing to the diminished number of candidates for the ministry, was materially less; and thus a surplus fund accumulated, amounting, at the close of the war, to some $25,000. But with the increased number of beneficiaries following the return of peace, this contingent beneficiary fund has been rapidly reduced, until now only some $8,000 remain, and this, it is expected, will be paid out early in the present year, as the demand for aid is urgent, and the funds do not come in in sufficient amounts to meet the needful outlays.

The appropriation to each beneficiary was for a time $140 per annum, then $120, and now only $100. This amount is considered by the officers of the society to be inadequate to the wants of the beneficiaries.

The earnings of the beneficiaries in aid of themselves is greater than ever before, and considerably exceeds in amount the sum received from the Education Society.

We do not propose to dwell on the importance of the work attempted and performed by this society, nor on the obligations resting on Christ's

disciples to share in this work. We content ourselves with the obvious remark, that if we ought to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest, we ought also to furnish them needed assistance, so far as lies in our power. It seems to the Directors of this society that our Vermont churches are hardly awake to the importance of this work. We know not how many of our educated and pious young men have been turned aside from the work of the ministry by their failing to receive the encouragement and support which might have led them to it. Of those now prosecuting the work in this State, it is estimated that perhaps one-fourth may have received aid from the American Education Society, at some time during their period of preparation. For some of these, and those not among the least esteemed of our ministers, it would have been exceedingly difficult to have completed their studies without this aid. It is by no means probable that all our Vermont ministers would now be in the field but for the timely benefactions of this society. And the same will undoubtedly be the case in the future

Less than one-third of our Vermont churches have contributed a dollar to the Education Society during the past four years. Five churches have contributed every year for the past four years, and I know not for how many years preceding. Let their names be held in honorable remembrance. The church in Brattleboro seems to be the banner church so far as pecuniary contributions to this society are concerned. If the furnishing of men for the gospel ministry be the test, probably Hinesburgh or perhaps some other of our feebler churches may bear off the palm. But in the matter of pecuniary contributions, there stand beside Brattleboro, as having taken up a collection every year for four years or more, only the churches in Windham, Enosburgh, the First Church in Bennington, and the First Calvinistic church in Burlington. Middlebury, Newbury and Windsor have failed but once, while St. Johnsbury Second, Montpelier, Poultney, Springfield and Woodstock, with many others, have taken but one collection in four years for this cause. And some 140 Congregational churches in Vermont, including not a few among the wealthiest in the State, have taken up no collection at all in behalf of this society.

Is the importance of the work appreciated in our State as it should be?

Our General Convention has a standing recommendation published with its Minutes, that our churches generally should remember this cause yearly in their benefactions, together with Home and Foreign missions, the Freedmen, Church Erection, and the Bible and Tract causes. By this official recommendation we seem to attach as much importance, do we not, to this object as to any other? More, do we not, than to Church Erection and the Tract society or societies? for as much time is

allowed for this one object as to the last mentioned two. Does not the intrinsic importance of the work of thoroughly training candidates for the gospel ministry justify the position assigned it in our Schedule, and should not that recommendation be more generally carried out in practice?

It is not claimed that the administration of the American Education Society is perfect, but I know of no reason to suspect that it is very much further from perfection than that of our Mission, Tract and Bible societies. Unworthy candidates may have received some aid from its funds. So have unworthy or inefficient missionaries been sent out. There is no reason why we should cease to pray that laborers may be sent forth, because they are but men, and encompassed with human infirmities.

Let us try to answer our prayers while we so pray, by furnishing the needed amount to enable them to prosecute their studies.

In behalf of the Directors,

J. G. HALE, *Secretary pro tem.*

SCHEDULE

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES FOR FIVE YEARS.

Associations.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.
ADDISON.....	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.
BENNINGTON.....	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.
CALEDONIA.....	New Hampshire	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.
LAMOILLE.....	Ind. & Ill.	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.
LANCASTER.....	Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.
MONTPELIER.....	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.
NORTH-WESTERN..	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Oregon. Wisconsin.	Rhode Island.
ORANGE.....	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	General Assembly.
ORLEANS.....	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	General Assembly.	New York.
ROYALTON.....	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	General Assembly.	New York.	Canada.
RUTLAND.....	Rhode Island.	General Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.
WHITE RIVER.....	General Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.
WINDHAM.....	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.
WINDSOR.....	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire
WINOOSKI.....	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Ind. & Ill.

NOTES.—1. The figures at the head of the columns indicate the year in which the appointments are to be made.

2. It is expected that Delegates to Bodies whose meetings occur later than July in the year of their appointment, will attend that year; all others, the year following.

SCHEDULE

OF TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	*January & February.*	*March and April.*	*May and June.*	*July and August.*	*September & October.*	*Nov. and Dec.*
WINDHAM.....	Bible.	For. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.
WINDSOR.....	Bible.	For. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.
ORANGE.....	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	For. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.
WASHINGTON.....	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	For. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.
BENNINGTON.....	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	For. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.
RUTLAND.....	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	For. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.
ADDISON.....	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	For. Missions.	Home Missions.
CHITTENDEN.....	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	For. Missions.	Home Missions.
GRAND ISLE.....	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	For. Missions.
FRANKLIN.....	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	For. Missions.
LAMOILLE.....	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	For. Missions.
ORLEANS.....	For. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.
CALEDONIA.....	For. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.
ESSEX.....	For. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, AND THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN WHICH EACH NAME APPEARS IN THE STATISTICS.

P., Pastor; A. P., Acting Pastor; W. C., Without Charge.

Abbott, Geo. N.	W C.	Burlington	15
Aiken, Silas, D. D.	W C.	Rutland	11
Albee, Solon, Prof.	W C.	Middlebury	1
Anderson, James	W C.	Manchester	2
Arnold, Seth S.	W C.	Ascutneyville	13
Austin, Lewis A.	P	Orwell	1
Babcock, Daniel H.	A P.	North Troy	9
Babbitt, James H.	A P.	Waitsfield	
Bacon, William N.	P	Shoreham	1
Bailey, George H.	P	Newport	9
Bailey, John G.	P	Hydepark	4
Baker, John W. H.	W C.	Brighton	9
Baldwin, Thomas	A P.	Plymouth	14
Baldwin, William O.	A P.	Arlington East	2
Barnard, Pliny F.	P	Williamstown	6
Bartlett, Lyman		Missionary, Turkey	4
Bartlett, Leavitt	A P.	North Bennington	2
Barton, Alanson S.	P	Townshend East	13
Bates, S. Lysander	P	Underhill	15
Birge, E. C.	W C.	Underhill	15
Bishop, Nelson	W C.	Windsor	14
Bissell, Oscar	A P.	Townshend West	13
Bittinger, John Q.	W C.	Windsor	12
Blodgett, George M.	A P.	Franklin	7
Bourne, James R.	P	Lunenburgh,	5
Bowen, William C.	A P.	South Wardsboro	13
Bradford, Moses B.	A P.	McIndoe's Falls	3
Bradford, Dana B.	P	Randolph Center	10
Brastow, Lewis O.	P	St. Johnsbury	3
Brown, J. W.	W C.	Manchester	2
Buckham, James	W C.	Burlington	15

Buckham, Matthew H., Prof...w c.....Burlington.....15
Burton, Horatio N..... p .....Newbury.....10
Butler, Franklin,.....w c.....Windsor.....12
Byington, Ezra H.... ..... p .....Windsor.....12
Byington, George P..... p .....Benson 11
Cady, Calvin B..... a p.....Alburgh..... 7
Caldwell, James..... a p.....Royalton 10
Carpenter, E. Irving..... a p.....Berlin..... 6
Chamberlain, Edward B..... a p.....Westford.....15
Chandler, Joseph..... p .....Brattleboro West.....13
Chandler, Augustus ..... p .....Dummerston 13
Chase, L. G..... a p.....Jamaica.....13
Child, Willard, D. D.....w c.....New Haven, Ct.....11
Clark, Asa F.....w c.....Brattleboro West.....13
Clark, Charles W..... a p.....Hartland 12
Clark, Josiah B..... a p.....Rupert.....,..... 2
Clark, Jacob S..... p .....Morgan..... 9
Clark, Philetus ..... a p .....Sharon.....12
Clark, William..... .....Missionary, Milan.....13
Clement, Jonathan, D. D.....w c.....Norwich.....12
Cobb, Levi H..... p .....Springfield.....14
Comings, Elam J..... a p.....Fairfield 7
Connell, David..... a p.....Newbury West.. 8
Converse, John K..... a p.....Burlington.....15
Copeland, Jonathan..... a p.....Waterbury..... 6
Cozzens, Samuel W., D. D....w c.....Middlebury..... 1
Cummings, Ephraim C..... p .....St. Johnsbury..... 3
Cushman, Rufus S..... p .....Manchester 2
Dascomb, A. B..... p .....Woodstock 12
Delano, Samuel..... a p.....Strafford 8
Deming, Alonzo T..... p .....Swanton..... 7
Dike, Samuel W..... a p.....West Randolph.....10
Dougherty, James, D. D.....w c.....Johnson 4
Drake, Cyrus B., D. D..... p .....Royalton 10
Drew, Stephen F..... p .....Cabot..... 3
Duren, Charles ..... a p.....Pomfret 8
Elliott, Lester H..... p .....Winooski.....15
Emerson, Rufus..... a p.....Wilmington.....13
Fairbanks, Edward T..... a p.....St. Johnsbury Center..... 3
Fairbanks, F. J..... p .....Westminster East.....13
Ferrin, Clark E..... p .....Hinesburgh..... 15
Fisk, Perrin B..... p .....,Peacham..... ... 3
Fleming, Archibald.....w c.....Constable, N. Y.....15
Ford, James T..... p .....Stowe..... 4

Foster, Amos.....A P.....Putney.....13
Foster, Benjamin F.....W C.....Dummerston.....13
Fox, Daniel W.....A P.....South Royalton.....10
Fuller, Joseph.....A P.....Vershire..... 9
Francis, Lewis..... P .....Castleton 11
French, Lyndon S.....W C.....Franklin..... 7
Gates, Matthew A..... P .....Peru 13
Gleason, George L..... P .....West Rutland.....11
Gleed, John.....W C.....Morrisville..... 4
Glines, Jeremiah.....A P.....Granby 5
Giddings, Solomon P.....W C.....Rutland 14
Gilbert, William H.....W C.....Norwich.....13
Goodhue, Daniel.....A P.....South Troy..... 9
Goodrich, John E.....A P.....Burlington 15
Granger, Calvin..... ....A P.....Hubbardton.....11
Graves, N. Z.....W C.....Middlebury..... 1
Grey, Asahel R.....A P.....Coventry..... 9
Griffin, Edward H..... P .....Burlington 15
Grout, Lewis.....W C.....West Brattleboro.....13
Hale, John G..... P .....East Poultney.....11
Hall, Robert V.....W C.....Newport 9
Hall, Samuel R., LL D.....W C.....Brownington..... 9
Hand, Richard C.....W C.....Brooklyn, N. Y..... 2
Hatch, Elias W..... P .....Berkshire East 7
Hazen, Austin.....A P.....Jericho Center 15
Hazen, William S..... P .....Northfield..... 6
Harris, Stephen..... P .....Windham.....13
Herbert, R. L.....A P.....Fairhaven.....11
Herrick, Edward E.....A P.....Colchester 15
Herrick, Horace.....A P.....Wolcott 4
Herrick, William T..... P .....Clarendon 11
Hickok, Henry P.....W C.....Burlington 15
Higley, Harvey O.....W C.....Castleton.....11
Holliday, H. M.....A P.....Rochester 10
Hosford, Isaac.....W C .....Thetford 8
Houghton, James C.....W C.....Chelsea.....10
Houghton, John C.....A P.....Morrisville..... 4
Howard, Jabez T..... P .....Charleston West..... 9
Hoyt, Otto S.....W C.....New Haven..... 1
Hubbard, Chauncey H.....A P.....Bennington..... 2
Hubbard, Thomas S.....A P.....Gaysville.....10
Hulbert, Calvin B..... P .....New Haven..... 1
Humphrey, John P..... P .....St. Johnsbury East..... 3
James, William A..... P .....Chelsea 10

Jennings, Isaac	P		Bennington Center	2
Johnson, T. Henry	A	P	Bethel	10
Kent, Cephas H	P		Ripton	1
Kingsbury, J. W	P		Quechee	12
Kitchel, Harvey D., D. D	W	C	Middlebury	1
Ladd, Alden	P		Roxbury	6
Ladd, Daniel	A	P	East Burke	3
Laird, James	P		Guildhall	5
Levings, Israel Hall	A	P	Franklin	7
Leavitt, Harvey F	A	P	Middlebury	1
Lewis, E. E	A	P	Bethel	10
Lord, Charles E	P		Chester	14
Lord, William H., D. D	P		Montpelier	6
Loring, Levi	A	P	Saxton's River	13
Lyon, Amzi B	P		Bristol	1
McClerring, Daniel	A	P	Waterford	3
McKeen, Silas, D. D	A	P	Bradford	8
McCollom, Julius C	A	P	Cambridgeport	13
Magill, Seagrove W	P		Cornwall	1
Marsh, Samuel	W	C	Underhill	15
Martin, Solon	A	P	Fairlee West	8
Maynard, Joshua L	P		Williston	15
Maynard, Ulric	W	C	Castleton	11
Mighill, Nathaniel	P		Brattleboro	13
Montgomery, Giles F			Missionary, Marash	4
Morgan, Stillman	W	C	Bristol	1
Munson, Myron A	P		Pittsford	11
Nichols, Ammi	A	P	Braintree	10
Olmstead, F. W	A	P	East Dorset	1
Page, M. B	A	P	Johnson	4
Paine, Sewell	P		Montgomery Center	7
Palmer, William S	P		Wells River	8
Parkinson, Royal	W	C	Milton	15
Parmelee, Moses P			Missionary, Turkey	15
Pease, Aaron G	W	C	Waterbury	12
Perkins, Sidney K. B	P		Glover	9
Perry, David	A	P	Worcester	6
Perry, John B	W	C	Cambridge, Mass	15
Pike, Josiah W. C	A	P	Weston	14
Pratt, Parsons S	P		Dorset	2
Ranney, Timothy E	A	P	Holland	9
Ray, Benjamin F	P		Hartford	12
Richards, J. DeForrest	W	C	Alabama	14
Rickett, J. H	A	P	West Dover	13

Robinson, William A.		P	Barton	9
Rogers, John	A	P	Derby	9
Rustedt, Henry F	A	P	Sudbury	7
Safford, George B.		P	Burlington	15
Samson, Amos J.	A	P	St. Albans	7
Scott, Charles	A	P	Post Mills	8
Searle, R. T.	A	P	Thetford	8
Seaton, Charles M.	W	C	Charlotte	15
Seaver, Norman, D. D		P	Rutland	11
Sewall, William		P	Norwich	12
Shurtleff, Daniel		P	Brownington	9
Smith, Azro A.		P	Lowell	9
Smith, Buel W.	W	C	Burlington	15
Smith, Charles S.	W	C	Montpelier	6
Smith, Eban	A	P	Salisbury	1
Sparhawk, Samuel	A	P	Pittsfield	10
Steele, Joseph	W	C	Middlebury	1
Stevens, Alfred		P	Westminster	13
Stone, George	W	C	Troy	9
Stone, John F.	A	P	Montpelier	6
Stone, James P	A	P	Ludlow	14
Stone, Levi H.	A	P	Pawlet	11
Swift, Alfred B	A	P	Enosburg	7
Swift, Aurelius S.	W	C	Pittsfield	10
Tenney, Leonard	A	P	Barre	6
Thayer, William W.	W	C	St. Johnsbury	3
Thompson, Charles W.	W	C	Burlington	15
Thyng, John H	A	P	South Londonderry	13
Tilden, Lucius L	W	C	Castleton	11
Tolman, George B.		P	Sheldon	7
Torrey, Charles C.				10
Torrey, Henry A. P.		P	Vergennes	1
Torrey, Joseph		P	Hardwick	3
Tuxbury, Franklin		P	Brandon	11
Underwood, Joseph	W	C	Hardwick	3
Walker, Aldace	A	P	Wallingford	11
Walker, Charles, D. D	W	C	Pittsford	11
Ward, R. S.	A	P	Warren	6
Ward, Earl J		P	Grafton	13
Watts, Lyman S.	A	P	Barnet	3
Webber, George N., Prof.	W	C	Middlebury	1
Wells, Moses H.	A	P	Lyndon	3
Wellington, Horace	A	P	West Hartford	12
Wheeler, Orville G.		P	South Hero	15

Wheelock, Edwin.	P	Cambridge	4
White, George H	A P	Brookfield	10
White, Pliny H	A P	Coventry	9
Wickham, Joseph D., D. D.	W C	Manchester	2
Wild, Azel W	P	Greensboro	9
Wild, Daniel	P	Fairfield	10
Wild, Edward P	P	Craftsbury	9
Wilder, J. C	W C	Charlotte	15
Willard, Andrew J	A P	Burlington	15
Williams, John K	P	Bradford	8
Williams, Stephen S	W C	Orwell	11
Winch, Caleb M	A P	Plainfield	6
Winchester, Warren W	P	Bridport	1
Woodward, John H	P	Irasburgh	9
Worcester, John H., D. D.	W C	Burlington	15
Wright, George F	P	Bakersfield	7

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention meets on the third Tuesday in June, annually. The Assembly's Shorter Catechism is its doctrinal standard. It is constituted as follows:

Each County Conference may send three delegates—one minister and two laymen. Each Association may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every four ordained resident ministers. The permanent officers of Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the parish, Delegates to and from foreign bodies, Chairmen of Committees who have to report, the Officers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and Vermont Education Society, Members of Boards appointed by Convention, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and to lead in discussions, are also members *ex officiis*. The officers of Convention are chosen annually, excepting the Register and Corresponding Secretary. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of Convention.

Place of next meeting, Montpelier, June 21, 1870.

Preacher, Rev. BENJAMIN F. RAY, Hartford.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. RUFUS S. CUSHMAN, Moderator, Manchester.
Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Register, Wallingford.
Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, Corresponding Secretary, Windsor.
Rev. M. L. SEVERANCE, Scribe, Orwell.
Rev. P. F. BARNARD, Secretary of Sabbath Schools, Williamstown.

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J. W. HICKOK, Esq., President, Burlington.
Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH, Corresponding Secretary, Montpelier.
Rev. LEONARD TENNEY, Recording Secretary, Barre.
C. W. STORRS, Esq., Treasurer, Montpelier.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., President, Middlebury.
Rev. A. B. DASCOMB, Secretary, Woodstock.
Hon. C. M. WILLARD, Treasurer, Castleton.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. W. W. Thayer, Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. E. H. Byington, John C. Emery, Esq.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Hon. John B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. Amasa Woolson.

REPORTERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt; *Rutland and Bennington Conference*—Rev. P. S. Pratt; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. Joseph Torrey; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev.

John G. Bailey; *Lancaster Conference*—Rev. James Laird; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. H. C. Riggs; *Orange Conference*—Rev. P. F. Barnard; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. A. W. Wild; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. L. H. Cobb; *Windham Conference*—Rev. Joseph Chandler.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Addison Association—Rev Harvey F. Leavitt; *Bennington Association*, Rev. James Anderson; *Caledonia Association*————; *Lamoille Association*—Rev. Horace Herrick; *Lancaster Association*—Rev. Jeremiah Glines; *Montpelier Association*—Rev. William H. Lord; *North-Western Association*—Rev. Alfred B. Swift; *Orange Association*—Rev. Horatio N. Burton; *Orleans Association*—Rev. R. V. Hall; *Royalton Association*—Rev. Cyrus B. Drake, D. D.; *Rutland Association*———— *White River Association*—Rev. Jonathan Clement, D. D.; *Windsor Association*————; *Winooski Association*—Rev. George B. Safford; *Windham Association*—Rev. Alfred Stevens.

RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. Calvin B. Hulbert; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. P. B. Fisk; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. George B. Safford; *Essex and Coos Conference*—Rev. Jeremiah Glines; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. H. C. Riggs; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. Edwin Wheelock; *Orange Conference*—Rev. D. B. Bradford; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. W. A. Robinson; *Rutland and Bennington Conference*—Rev. P. S. Pratt; *Washington Conference*—Rev. William S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. F. J. Fairbanks; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. William Sewall.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT, met with the Congregational Church of Brandon, June 15th, 1869.

The opening sermon was preached by Prof. MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM, of the University of Vermont, from 2 Cor. iii : 12.

The following delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members of the Convention, viz :

Windham Association.—Rev. Messrs. EARL J. WARD, LEWIS GROUT, CYRUS HAMLIN.

Bennington Association.—Rev. Messrs. RUFUS S. CUSHMAN, PARSONS S. PRATT.

Rutland Association.—Rev. Messrs. GEORGE P. BYINGTON, CALVIN GRANGER, MYRON A. MUNSON, HARVEY O. HIGLEY.

Windsor Association.—Rev. NELSON BISHOP.

White River Association.—Rev. Messrs. WILLIAM SEWALL, BENJAMIN F. RAY, CHARLES DUREN.

Royalton Association.—Rev. Messrs. SAMUEL W. DIKE, SAMUEL SPARHAWK, THOMAS S. HUBBARD.

Addison Association.—Rev. Messrs. SEAGROVE W. MAGILL, MILTON L. SEVERANCE, HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., GEO. N. WEBBER.

Orange Association.—Rev. JOHN K. WILLIAMS.

Montpelier Association.—Rev. Messrs. CALEB M. WINCH, JONATHAN COPELAND, ALDEN LADD, E. IRVIN CARPENTER.

Lamoille Association.

Winooski Association.—Rev. Messrs. JAMES BUCKHAM, LESTER H. ELLIOT, JOSHUA L. MAYNARD, AUSTIN HAZEN.

North Western Association.—Rev. Messrs. GEO. F. WRIGHT, CALVIN B. CADY, GEO. B. TOLMAN.

Caledonia Association.—Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS.

Orleans Association.—Rev. AZRO A. SMITH.

Lancaster Association.

Addison Conference.—Rev. WARREN W. WINCHESTER, Dea. E. S. BOTTOM.

Caledonia Conference.—Rev. PERRIN B. FISK.

Chittenden Conference.—Rev. EDWARD H. GRIFFIN, Bro. S. G. BUTLER.

Essex and Coos Conference.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference.—Rev. HERMAN C. RIGGS, Bros. M. R. TYLER and M. A. SEYMOUR.

Lamoille Conference.—Rev. JOHN G. BAILEY.

Orange Conference.—Rev. DAVID CONNELL, Dea. F. KEYES.

Orleans Conference.—Rev. T. E. RANNEY, Dea. CHARLES SAWYER.

Rutland and Bennington Conference.—Rev. W. T. HERRICK, Dea. F. BUTTON.

Washington Conference.—Rev. J. H. BABBITT, Dea. DANIEL CHANDLER, Dea. W. J. SIMONDS.

Windham Conference.—Rev. A. S. BARTON, Dea. S. D. WINSLOW, Bro. SYLVESTER GROUT.

Windsor Conference.—Bro. E. E. LEWIS, Dea. MASON L. LADD, Bro. L. TUCKER.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Massachusetts.—Dea. WM. C. CAPRON.

General Association of New Hampshire.—Rev. QUINCY BLAKELY.

General Association of New York.—Rev. M. E. STRIEBY.

General Association of Illinois.—Rev. C. A. LEACH.

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.—Rev. CHARLES T. MELVIN.

General Assembly Presbyterian Church, N. S.—Rev. THEODORE S. BROWN.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.—Rev. A. J. PARKER.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Register.—Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON.

Preacher.—Prof. MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM.

Minister of the Parish.—Rev. FRANKLIN TUXBURY.

Reader of Essay.—Rev. LEONARD TENNEY.

Leaders in Discussions.—Rev. ALFRED STEVENS, Rev. LEVI H. COBB, Prof. EDWARD HUNGERFORD.

Officers of Domestic Missionary Society.—Rev. Messrs. CHARLES S. SMITH, JOSEPH CHANDLER, CLARK E. FERRIN, Bros. J. G. STIMSON, J. W. HICKOK.

Secretary of the Vermont Education Society.—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB.

Members of Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers.—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, Bro. THADDEUS FAIRBANKS.

Member of Fairbanks Board of Education.—Bro. JOHN C. EMERY.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Rhode Island.—Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

General Association of Indiana.—Rev. LYMAN S. WATTS.

General Association of California.—Rev. C. W. CLARK

The Convention was organized by choice of

Rev. RUFUS S. CUSHMAN, of Manchester, *Moderator.*

Rev. MILTON L. SEVERANCE, of Orwell, *Scribe.*

Rev. GEO. F. WRIGHT, of Bakersfield, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Scribe read the rules of the Convention.

It was *voted*, That the hours of meeting be 8:30, A.M., 2 and 7, P.M., and the hours of adjournment 12, M., and 5, P.M.

Rev. LEONARD TENNEY was appointed Register *pro tem.*

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following committees were nominated by the Moderator, and elected by the Convention.

Committee of Overtures.—Rev. Messrs. Wm. Sewall, J. Copeland, T. S. Hubbard, Dea. W. I. Simonds and Bro. L. Tucker.

Committee of Arrangements.—Rev. Messrs. Joseph Chandler, C. E. Ferrin, Bro. Sylvester Grout.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.—Rev. Messrs: P. B. Fisk, J. G. Bailey, Dea. Charles Sawyer.

Committee of Assessments.—Rev. Messrs. Parsons S. Pratt, Edward H. Griffin, Dea. S. D. Winslow.

Committee of Abatements.—Rev. Messrs. H. Fairbanks, W. W. Winchester, Bro. M. R. Tyler.

Auditor of the Fairbanks Board for the relief of Ministers.—Mr. John H. Vail.

Auditor of the Fairbanks Education Board—Dea. Daniel Chandler.

A committee, composed of Rev. Messrs. E. H. Byington, E. I. Carpenter, S. W. Magill, was appointed to report to the Convention on the expediency of taking measures to complete the history of the Vermont Churches, begun by the late Rev. Pliny H. White.

A committee, composed of Rev. Messrs. E. I. Carpenter, H. F. Leavitt and H. Fairbanks, was appointed to report on the best methods of presenting the statistics of the churches.

The Convention was addressed by delegates from Foreign Bodies:

From General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Quincy Blakely.

From General Association of New York, Rev. M. E. Strieby.

From Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. Chas. T. Melvin.

From General Association of Massachusetts, Dea. Wm. C. Capron.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from the General Associations of Michigan and Minnesota, and from the Vermont Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Corresponding Secretary read his report on the state of the churches, and it was accepted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Voted, That the prayer-meeting Wednesday morning be limited to one-half hour.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

Was preceded by a half hour of devotional exercises. After which the session opened with singing and prayer.

The discussion on "The relation of Christian Associations to the Churches" was opened by Prof. Edward Hungerford and Rev. Levi H. Cobb, and participated in by other members of the Convention.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Convention opened with prayer by Rev. Charles T. Melvin.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The following committee to nominate Fairbanks Boards was appointed: Rev. Messrs. Alfred Stevens, S. W. Magill, Wm. T. Herrick.

The reports of the Fairbanks Boards were presented, accepted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Fairbanks Board of Education respectfully present their Thirteenth Annual Report, for the year ending May 31st, 1869.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury last year	$303 01
Interest on investment received	486 46
December coupons of State bonds on hand	120 00
Total	$914 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid beneficiaries as per accompanying Schedule	$580 00	
Balance in Treasury	334 47	
Total		$914 47

Applications from young men preparing for college have been more numerous than in any previous year, and it has been necessary to withhold aid from those who had received assistance in colleges and theological seminaries. It may be thought that we have a larger balance on hand than is necessary, but with our present number of beneficiaries the treasury will soon be exhausted. There are now nine upon our list. The Board have wished to give enough to those assisted to enable them, with prudence and proper effort, to keep themselves free of debt while

pursuing their studies, without application to any other organization for help. To do this will require at least from one hundred to one hundred and twenty dollars a year for each one; but how the men are to be thus provided for the coming year on an income of six hundred dollars, is a question which the Board fear they may have some difficulty in solving. At the same time we have one other application which we are very unwilling to deny, and of course look for still others to apply during the current year.

Is it improper for us under these circumstances to suggest to the benevolent men of Vermont that by a timely aid to young men in the first stages of their education, they may do much to increase the number of those who shall devote themselves to the work of the ministry—an increase certainly called for, if our destitute churches are ever to be supplied—our waste places turned to fruitfulness, and Christian institutions to be made to keep pace with the advancing population in our land, and to be extended into heathen lands; and that we as a Board shall be very glad to have the means now at our disposal supplemented by such contributions as will enable us to extend a helping hand to every deserving young man of our State, who may apply to us for aid? While making this appeal for help to enable us to meet these applications, the Board would by no means discourage such applications. Some on our list may soon enter college, and thus be where they can receive aid from the Education Society; others for one reason or another may no longer desire assistance; and we do not yet know what benevolent individuals may think it a privilege to do in furnishing additional means, as they may be wanted. Let the young men, then, for whose benefit this fund has been set apart, be encouraged to apply for assistance, and it will be given as fast and as far as means will permit.

The appropriations for the year will be seen from the following

SCHEDULE OF BENEFICIARIES:

Names.	Where studying.	Age.	Amount.
John Belford	St. Johnsbury Academy	.....	$75 00
Edward P. Butler	Vermont University	21	20 00
Freeman B. Rice	Barre Academy	21	120 00
James H. Hawley	Meriden Academy	21	90 00
John R. Chalmers	Meriden Academy	24	90 00
Charles A. Smith	Barre Academy	20	45 00
Henry W. Utley	Manchester Seminary	21	30 00
John B. Richardson	Barre Academy	18	60 00
Sydney D. Jenks	Manchester Seminary	16	25 00
Josiah Kidder	Manchester Seminary	19	25 00
			$580 00

ALDACE WALKER, *Chairman.*
W. W. THAYER, *Treasurer.*

The above report of the Treasurer was audited by Dea. Daniel Chandler.

The Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Disabled and Needy Clergymen submitted the following report:

During the last year death has removed one of our wisest, ablest and best beloved members, the Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., of Rutland. Of him it may be truly said: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

The report of our Treasurer shows our receipts of the past year, including the balance of last year, to have been.....$882 65
Our appropriations..... 603 00

Leaving balance in Treasury..... .....$279 65

The permanent fund of $10,000 is safely invested in mortgages or real estate.

During the last five years,—the official life of your present Treasurer,—your committee have appropriated $3,200 to needy and disabled clergymen, and thus made many to rejoice and thank God that He put into the heart of our departed but deeply lamented and dearly beloved brother, Joseph P. Fairbanks, to devise and execute so benevolent and noble a trust for all coming time. Who, then, of my brethren will emulate his noble example and swell this Christian fund? Who?

In relation to the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, we have not matured any definite plan; but have corresponded and consulted, and now feel that no better plan can possibly be devised than a reference of the whole subject to one of the Fairbanks Boards, or an independent committee, with instructions to request the pastors to bring the subject before their congregations, and take collections from time to time, till a fund is begun. Your committee would also recommend female organizations in each church for annual contributions for this object. Then we may expect it will be steadily increased by legacies, and larger donations from living donors.

Our receipts the past year have been only $206 09, and we have made no appropriations, as the *needy* have been so many that a division would afford but little help to any one.

The money is deposited in the Dartmouth Savings Bank, at Hanover, New Hampshire.

If the ladies in our churches will take up and prosecute this enterprise, with their emotional element developed, they will succeed, and bring home to the heart of many a missionary among our feeble churches, the cheer of hope and assurance that God is opening a new source of supply for the wife and children, so soon to be bereaved and orphaned. Our feeble churches can never be built up and strengthened, except by self-denying, hard-working men, who out of love to the Master and the souls of men are willing to live on a bare pittance, that they may feed

the scattered sheep and lambs in the wilderness, and strengthen "the things which remain and are ready to die." Such men ought not to be left to the additional burden and fear, that when they fall in the harness, their beloved wives and children will be left penniless to the cold charities of a selfish church and more selfish world.

H. F. LEAVITT,
THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, } *Fairbanks Board.*
J. G. STIMSON,

TREASURER'S REPORT OF FAIRBANKS FUND FOR RELIEF OF NEEDY AND DESTITUTE CLERGYMEN.

Fairbanks Fund in account with J. G. Stimson, Treasurer:

CREDIT.

June 16, 1868	By balance in Treasury, as per Auditor's Report	$280 99
June 26, 1868	" interest on S. R. Huse's note	72 00
Aug. 10, 1868	" " " H. D. Tucker's note	18 00
Sept. 10, 1868	" " " S. Ridley's note	120 00
Oct. 16, 1868	" " " J. D. Robinson's note	7 60
Nov. 1, 1868	" " " A. L. Wood's note	42 00
Nov. 12, 1868	" " " E. W. Case's note	36 70
Mar. 29, 1869	" " " A. Stone's note	30 00
April 1, 1869	" " " J. Somerville's note	180 00
April 21, 1869	" " " R. J. Barber's note	90 00
June 16, 1869	" " " small sums	5 36
		$882 65

DEBIT.

June 20, 1868	To paid appropriation to	Rev. S. Williams	$100 00
June 22, 1868	" "	Rev. O. S. Hoyt	100 00
June 25, 1868	" "	Rev. S. Morgan	100 00
July 22, 1868	" "	Rev. J. Gleed	50 00
Aug. 24, 1868	" "	Rev. J. F. Stone	50 00
Aug. 24, 1868	" "	Rev. S. Marsh	50 00
Jan. 1, 1869	" "	Rev. Thos. Baldwin	50 00
Jan. 1, 1869	" "	Rev. S. Williams	50 00
Mar. 1, 1869	" "	Rev. J. W. C. Pike	25 00
Mar. 1, 1869	" "	Rev. Amasa Stewart	25 00
June 16, 1869	" drafts, stamps and letters		3 00
June 16, 1869	Cash in Treasury		279 65-$882 65

The Fund is soundly secured by mortgages on real estate as follows:

S. R. Huse's note	$1200 00	Interest from	June 26, 1868
E. W. Case	600 00	"	"	July 23, 1868
H. D. Tucker	300 00	"	"	Aug. 10, 1868
S. Ridley	2,000 00	"	"	Sept. 23, 1868
T. O. Neil	200 00	"	"	Oct. 16, 1868
A. L. Wood	700 00	"	"	Oct. 30, 1868
Albert Stone	500 00	"	"	Mar. 16, 1869
James Somerville	3.000 00	"	"	April 1, 1869
R. J. Barber	1,500 00	"	"	April 21, 1869
	$10,000 00			

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

BRANDON, JUNE 15. 1869.

This may certify that I have examined the within accounts and find vouchers for the disbursements, and is correct. JOHN H. VAIL, *Auditor.*

Moneys received from the churches for widows and orphans. Deposited in the Dartmouth Savings Bank at Hanover, N. H.:

July, 1868	From church in		Springfield	$26 60
Aug., 1868	"	"	St. Johnsbury, North	38 85
Sept., 1868	"	"	Westminster West	8 85
Sept., 1868	"	"	West Brattleboro	22 65
Dec., 1868	"	"	Burlington, First	31 13
Feb., 1869	"	"	Hardwick	12 35
Mar., 1869	"	"	St. Johnsbury Center	15 00
Mar., 1869	"	"	Peacham	36 50
April, 1869	"	"	Waterbury	14 16
				$206 09

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Norwich, June 16, 1869.

Voted an assessment of two hundred dollars on the County Conferences in the State.

The committee to nominate the Fairbanks Boards reported as follows:

Board of Education.—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. W. W. Thayer, Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. E. H. Byington, John C. Emery, Esq.

Board for the Relief of Ministers.—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Hon. John B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. Amasa Woolson.

The report was accepted, and the persons named were appointed.

Rev. Theodore S. Brown, delegate from the N. S. Pres. General Assembly, addressed the Convention, and the Moderator responded.

The Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M., to give place to the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Messrs. A. J. Parker and Wm. W. Davenport.

After a recess of ten minutes, Rev. Messrs. A. A. Smith and Alford Stevens read essays on the duty of the Churches to the waste places in their own county, followed by remarks by Rev. Messrs. Aldace Walker, D. D., J. Copeland, M. E. Strieby and Bro. L. Tucker.

The Committee of Overtures reported various resolutions, which were laid on the table till called for.

Voted to occupy the time for the essay, Thursday afternoon, in the continuation of the discussion, "On the duty of the Churches to the waste places in their own county."

Closed with prayer by Rev. Charles Walker, D. D.

Voted to adjourn till 8 o'clock Thursday A. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Convention took a recess to attend the anniversary of the Vermont Education Society.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Convention opened with prayer by Dea. Daniel Chandler.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the roll. The Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

The following report of the Treasurer was presented, adopted and voted to be printed with the Minutes.

ALDACE WALKER, *Treasurer, in account with General Convention:*

DEBIT.

June, 1868	By cash on hand		$303 56
Sept. 15, 1868	" from Orange Conference		80
Dec. 15, 1868	" " Windsor Conference		39 60
June, 1869	" " Washington Conference		22 00
	" " Caledonia Conference		28 60
	" " Chittenden Conference		23 44
	" " Franklin and Grand Isle Conference		19 00
	" " Orange Conference		29 66
	" " Orleans Conference		16 77
	" " Rutland and Bennington Conference		47 87
	" " Windham Conference		33 00
	" " Lamoille Conference		7 19
	" " Addison Conference		31 38
			$601 77

CREDIT.

June 18, 1868	Paid for order of exercises for meeting at St. Johnsbury	$5 00	
June 26, 1868	" L. J. McIndoe's bill for printing Circulars for Corresponding Secretary	8 00	
Aug. 27, 1868	" C. W. Willard's bill for printing Minutes	211 81	
	" for twine, paper and packing	4 50	
	" express charges	4 93	
Oct. 27, 1868	" postage of Corresponding Secretary	2 50	
June 16, 1869	" postage of Register	93	
	" L. J. McIndoe's bill for printing Circulars for Corresponding Secretary	4 85	
	" for printing order of exercises for meeting at Brandon	6 00	
	Cash on hand	353 25	
			$601 77

Essex and Coos Conference is in arrears $3,00.

Respectfully submitted,

ALDACE WALKER, *Treasurer.*

Brandon, June 16, 1869.

The Committee on the History of the Congregational Churches reported as follows:

We are impressed with the importance of putting in some permanent

form the materials which exist for a history of our churches. It will be for the glory of God, and it will strengthen the confidence of His people to put on record those evidences of the divine favor which were given to the churches of this State during their earlier periods, and which have been continued to this very time. There are many materials for such a history now accessible, which will be likely to be lost unless they are gathered soon.

Your committee find that the late Rev. P. H. White has gathered a large amount of material of this kind, and that it is of the highest importance that some competent person should take up and complete the work which he has carried so far.

The committee also find that Mrs. White has proposed, with great liberality, to pass over the papers relating to the history of the churches to some person whom this Convention may designate to complete the history.

We are not able at this time to recommend any one for this work. It will require time and consultation to fix upon the man to carry forward the enterprise.

The committee recommend the appointment of a committee of five persons, who shall have in charge the business of securing a suitable man for this work, and who shall have the power to make the appointment in behalf of the Convention.

E. H. BYINGTON,
E. I. CARPENTER,
S. W. MAGILL.

Brandon, June 17, 1869.

The above report was adopted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Corresponding Secretary read obituary notices of Rev. Benjamin F. Foster, Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., Rev. Pliny H. White.

Voted to print these obituaries with the Minutes.

The Committee on Statistical Returns reported as follows:

We recommend that the reports of the churches be made by Conferences, instead of Associations, and that the reporters be for:

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt.
Rutland and Bennington Conference—Rev. P. S. Pratt.
Caledonia Conference—Rev. J. Torrey.
Lamoille Conference—Rev. John G. Bailey.
Lancaster Conference—Rev. James Laird.
Washington Conference—Rev. W. S. Hazen.
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. H. C. Riggs.
Orange Conference—Rev. P. F. Barnard.
Orleans Conference—Rev. A. W. Wild.
Windham Conference—Rev. Joseph Chandler.
Windsor Conference—Rev. L. H. Cobb.
Chittenden Conference—Rev S. L. Bates.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations to Foreign Bodies reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Body to be visited.	Primaries.	Substitutes.	From what Association.
Vt. M. E. Conference....	Rev. C. B. Hulbert...	Rev. S. W. Magill.....	Addison.
Gen. Asso., Michigan....	Rev. J. Anderson.....	Rev. R. S. Cushman..	Bennington.
Gen. Asso., Mass.....	Rev. P. B. Fisk.....	Rev. J. P. Humphrey.	Caledonia.
Gen. Asso., Iowa & Kan.	Rev. F. Oxnard.....	Rev. E. Wheelock....	Lamoille.
Gen. Asso., Conn.....	Rev. J. Laird.....	Rev. J. R. Bourne....	Lancaster.
Gen. Asso., Wis. & Oreg'n	Rev. J. Copeland.....	Rev. W. S. Hazen....	Montpelier.
Gen. Asso., R. Island....	Rev. C. B. Cady.....	Rev. A. B. Swift.....	Northwestern.
Gen. Assem'y, Pres	Rev. J. K. Williams..	Rev. R. T. Searle.....	Orange.
Gen. Asso., New York...	Rev. J. H. Woodward.	Rev. Geo. Bailey.....	Orleans.
Cong'l Union, Canada...	Rev. D. B. Bradford..	Rev. S. Sparhawk....	Royalton.
Gen. Asso., Cal.....	Rev. J. G. Hale.....	Rev. F. Tuxbury.....	Rutland.
F. W. Bapt. Y. M.....	Rev. W. T. Herrick ..	Rev. C. Granger.....	Rutland.
Gen. Conf., Maine.....	Rev. A. B. Dascomb.	Rev. E. H. Byington..	White River.
Gen. Conf., Ohio.....	Rev. E. J. Ward.....	Rev. Cyrus Hamlin..	Windham.
Gen. Asso., N. H.....	Rev. L. H. Cobb.....	Rev. N. Bishop.....	Windsor.
Gen. Asso., Ind. & Ill...	Rev. J. K. Converse..	Rev. S. L. Bates.....	Winooski.

The nominees were elected by the Convention.

Voted, that Rev. E H. Byington, Rev. M. L. Severance and Rev. G. F. Wright, be a committee to print the Minutes.

Voted, that this committee prepare a new Schedule for the nomination of delegates to foreign bodies.

Voted, that the roll of the various associations be printed with the Minutes.

Voted, that three thousand copies of the Minutes be printed.

The following resolutions were called from the table and passed:

Resolved, That the programme of exercises for the Convention be so amended as to dispense with one discussion and one essay, after this year.

Resolved, That a Secretary of Sabbath Schools be appointed, whose duty shall be to present an annual report, embracing facts and statistics in regard to the condition of the Sabbath Schools of the State; and that this report be opened to a general discussion in the Convention.

Voted, that the Committee of Arrangements appoint the Sabbath School Secretary.

Rev. Messrs. E. H. Byington, C. S. Smith, B. F. Ray, H. Fairbanks, and Bro. J. G. Stimson were appointed a Committee on the History of the Congregational Churches of Vermont.

Rev. P. B. Fisk was appointed Receiver for Caledonia Conference; Rev. H. C. Riggs for Franklin and Grand Isle Conference; Rev. Edwin Wheelock for Lamoille Conference.

Rev. H. Fairbanks was appointed to report resolutions on temperance, in the afternoon.

Rev. C. A. Leach, delegate from the General Association of Illinois, and Rev. A. J. Parker, from the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, reported to the Convention, and the Moderator responded.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from the General Conference of Missouri.

The Convention passed resolutions of thanks as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the officers of the several railroad companies, who have generously furnished members with free return tickets.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the families of Brandon, who have so cordially received us, and extended to us their liberal hospitalities.

The pastor of the church, in behalf of the people of Brandon, responded to these resolutions.

The following report of the Committee on Assessments was adopted:

The Committee on Assessments have apportioned the amount, $200, voted by the Convention, as follows:

Addison Conference	$19 63
Caledonia Conference	17 61
Chittenden Conference	15 31
Essex and Coos Conference	2 76
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	13 19
Lamoille Conference	5 13
Orange Conference	18 63
Orleans Conference	13 69
Rutland and Bennington Conference	33 88
Washington Conference	13 73
Windham Conference	20 97
Windsor Conference	26 47
	$200 00

P. S. PRATT, *Chairman Committee.*

The following report of the Committee on Arrangements was adopted:

Place and time of next meeting—Montpelier, June 21. Preacher—Rev. B. F. Ray. Substitute—Rev. Isaac Jennings.

Essay——"Duties of the Churches to their non-resident members"—Rev. C. E. Ferrin. Substitute—Rev. A. Walker, D. D.

Discussion—"Is it expedient, by employing evangelists, to have regard rather to the near fruits of Christian labor, than to the remote?"—Revs. E. H. Byington, P. B. Fisk. Substitutes—Revs. J. K. Williams, C. W. Clark.

Secretary of Sabbath Schools—Rev. P. F. Barnard.

Rev. Leonard Tenney read an essay on the "Aims and Methods of Church Discipline," which, after a general discussion, was ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing, the Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Resolutions on Temperance were presented and adopted, as follows:

Considering that the Christians of our State are by the Master appointed guardians of its moral interests; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the duty of every member of our churches by constant, watchful care and vigorous efforts to promote the cause of Temperance.

Resolved, That it is desirable that this duty be urged from the pulpit.

Resolved, That we recommend that Christians organize for this work.

A discussion on "How to make our Sabbath Schools more fruitful in conversions," was opened by Rev. Messrs. H. C. Riggs and G. B. Tolman, followed by others.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. M. A. Munson.

RUFUS S. CUSHMAN, *Moderator.*

M. L. SEVERANCE, *Scribe.*

GEORGE F. WRIGHT, *Assistant Scribe.*

Brandon, June 17, 1869.

REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

One of the more important objects of this Annual Convention is to learn the state of the churches in our commonwealth. It is not only pleasant but profitable for us to leave for a time the fields of our labor, and take a general view of the whole State. It is well for those who come from gathering abundant harvests, to meet and encourage those whose fields are sterile. There are many practical points suggested by this general survey, which will furnish material for profitable discussion. The history of one hundred and ninety-six Christian churches, for twelve months, cannot fail to furnish topics of interest. These churches reach directly a large portion of the citizens of the State. There are connected with these congregations about twelve thousand families, including not less than fifty thousand persons, about one-sixth of the entire population of the State. They include a large portion of the more intelligent classes of our people. This is the field of the Congregational churches of Vermont. The expense in money, of sustaining public worship in these churches, cannot be less than $150,000 per annum. And how tender and how sacred the interest which connects itself with these churches. How this interest deepens amid the varied experiences of life,—in the times of joy and sorrow! Who can measure the importance of those revivals of religion, which God has so frequently granted to our churches, and which have been much more numerous during these last years than formerly! It is impossible by any words, certainly by any facts and figures, to set forth the spiritual results of the work of a year. They go far beyond our arithmetic,—far beyond our comprehension. And yet figures, statistics,—if only they are accurate,—are the best attainable means of estimating the results of our work; and whoever will study with care the statistics of the churches, will find some things to quicken his zeal, some to instruct his inexperience, and very much to awaken his gratitude. One great want of the Christian world is reliable facts and figures—statistical tables.

Our churches have been unusually prosperous during this year. *If* the showers of grace have not fallen so abundantly as during the year

before, yet as compared with any other of the recent years, it is marked by very signal tokens of the divine favor. Every Association in the State reports a gain in numbers. The revivals have been more numerous in the western counties, as they were last year in the eastern counties.

The reporters from the fifteen Associations have gathered the facts so diligently and so promptly, that there is little for your Secretary to do, except to connect these materials into a continuous narrative.

The ten churches in *Bennington Association* all sustain public and social worship except one. The week of prayer was observed in nearly every church. There has been more than usual religious interest in Rupert, Dorset and Bennington. The two churches of Pownal and Sandgate are supplied by Methodist preachers. From Manchester we learn of missionary Sabbath school work under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association. The number of members received to the churches of the county by profession is thirty-one, of which number nineteen have been gathered into the three churches in Bennington.

The seventeen churches of *Rutland Association* report the addition of seventy members by profession, and a net gain of twenty-three. The pastor of the church in Sudbury writes: "We had considerable religious interest during the past winter, which resulted in twelve hopeful conversions, and very much improved the tone of piety in our church." From Brandon we learn that "during the latter part of the year there have been a number of conversions, and considerable increase in the attendance on the Sabbath services and on the Sabbath School." The church in Pittsford has received twenty members, sixteen of them by profession, and the pastor writes: "There is an excellent spirit, much missionary activity, and a large increase in the benevolent offerings." The church in Hubbardton has more than doubled its membership within two years, and has received fourteen new members during this year. They maintain three weekly prayer meetings, and the Sabbath School is more interesting than ever before. From Wallingford we learn that "there was a healthy religious interest during the winter, with a few hopeful conversions," and that the prayer meetings are well sustained. From Benson we learn that the Sabbath School is more prosperous than it was last year, but that few attend the prayer meetings, and the religious state of the church is not hopeful. "There has been no special religious interest during the year" in Castleton; there is no minister at Fairhaven; "outward prosperity, but a great spiritual dearth" in Middletown; Tinmouth has "no minister and no meetings;" "a temperance society has been formed in the Sabbath School in Clarendon, and a bell has been procured." Six churches out of seventeen are reported vacant, from four of which pastors have been dismissed within a few months.

The most favored region in the State this year has been Addison County. Only one of the thirteen churches is reported vacant. One hundred and eighty-nine have been added to the churches—one hundred and fifty-eight by profession. There have been revivals in Bridport, Ferrisburg, Vergennes, and Shoreham. Of the work at Bridport, where sixty have been gathered into the church, the pastor writes too briefly, as follows: "A good degree of religious interest was manifested in the community during the year. The church was active and earnest. Early in the winter the pastor was aided by Brother J. W. Mudge. Meetings were held every day for four weeks. More than one hundred gave evidence of conversion, many of whom were children. Several entire families have united with the church. At one time twelve men who were heads of families were received. An unusual religious interest is everywhere apparent still. But no adequate description can be given of the full extent of this great blessing which God has given us." Of Ferrisburgh it is said: "Probably that people have never witnessed such a manifestation of the wonder-working power of the Holy Ghost in the quickening of saints and the conversion of sinners, as during this year. The work commenced in North Ferrisburgh, on the line of Charlotte, and extended over both towns. Our meetings commenced the first of February and continued five weeks. The preaching was done by Rev. Messrs. Hulbert and Lyon, and they were very faithful and successful. Probably as many as forty have become Christians, in our congregation. The prospect now is, that our church will be doubled in its numbers and quadrupled in its grand list. One fact worthy of notice is this: Those young persons who helped us in building the new church have been brought to Christ. On the whole, the work has been marvelous in our eyes, and to God be all the glory." From Vergennes we have this report: "A revival of great interest has been granted us during the last year. All the churches of the city united in the work and shared in the blessings. The most noticeable feature in the revival was the readiness of the unconverted to attend to the subject of religion. Thirty-four have united with the church, thirty of them by profession." The church in Shoreham has received a refreshing this year also. "The number of conversions is not as great as the year before, but there have been some marked cases of men in middle life, accustomed to violate the Sabbath, and to profanity, who have been led to Christ." The Young Men's Christian Association is spoken of as very useful, as well in developing the working power of the church, as in the results of its special work. Its meetings for prayer and conference are fresh, lively, and well sustained. Twenty-three have united with this church during the year. The church in Bristol was in a hopeful state during the autumn and winter, and in the month of March they employed an evangelist, Rev. A. Underwood, who remained about four weeks. Seven have been gath-

ered into the church, and there are some others to come forward in due time. There has been an increase of zeal and activity in the church. From Weybridge we learn that "the church has been growing in grace," that there has been a season of spiritual refreshing, as the result of which a number will probably be added to the church. The church at Ripton "is still embarrassed by a debt, which, however, is considerably less than last year, but has been encouraged by some tokens of the divine favor, and by the addition of four new members." Eighteen have been added to the church in Middlebury, which is still without a pastor.

The reporter from this Association says: "The college is in a flourishing condition, and its religious pulse is good. Perhaps it is not saying too much to state that probably its Faculty, as a whole, have never been more able or spiritual."

The report from the seventeen churches of *Winooski Association* is also a very encouraging one. Eighty-three new members have been added to them, a number larger than last year. There has been a gain in the attendance upon public worship. There is more systematic work in the parishes, and private Christians are more ready to take their part in the work of the church. The reporter says: "It would seem that our churches are gradually abandoning the idea of spasmodic effort, and coming around to the Scriptural plan of a constant growth." From Williston we learn that "the people are better organized, and are doing more in the Christian service than for many years past. There have been several conversions and six have been added to the church." In Hinesburgh the Holy Spirit has been quietly and almost continually at work. There have been a few additions to the number of communicants at almost every sacramental season, and others will come forward by and by. There has also been a gradual increase in the congregation and Sabbath School, and a more liberal support of the gospel. A similar state of things is reported from South Hero. The death of a young Christian is mentioned as furnishing such an illustration of the power of the Christian hope as to lead several to the Saviour. The church in Essex has received ten members by profession. The prayer meetings, held in connection with the Academy, have been the means of the conversion of most of these. The church in Richmond has secured a minister, and seems likely to enter upon a career of prosperity. Twenty-one have been added to the First Church in Burlington, and five to the Third Church. The churches at Winooski and Charlotte report revivals At Winooski "two or three extra meetings were held for several weeks. In connection with these, twelve or fifteen began to live by faith, and are now giving evidence that they are Christians. The members of the church are entering cheerfully into plans for Christian effort, and the whole community is pervaded by a more serious spirit." At Charlotte "a still more marked religious interest has been manifested. In the

latter part of the winter several encouraging things led to an increase of Christian effort. Early in March special meetings were commenced, and were held every evening and several afternoons, for twenty-three days. Much valuable assistance was rendered by ministerial brethren from abroad. Christians were refreshed, wanderers reclaimed, confessions were made and alienations reconciled, and many of the young and the old were converted. A thoughtful and serious spirit pervaded the public mind. It was easy for Christians to bear the cross. They went from house to house, and their words had weight. Some of the results of this work of grace are these: the addition of twenty-five to the church, including four heads of families, the hopeful conversion of some others who have not yet professed their faith in Christ, the erection of several new family altars, an increased congregation and Sabbath School, a revived and strengthened church, deeply interesting and attractive prayer meetings, a large measure of Christian love, and the disposition gratefully to say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

The fourteen churches of the *North Western Association* also have a cheerful report to bring. They are more generally supplied with full pastoral labor than for some years before. The First Church in St. Albans has received twenty-seven during the year, and increased by some $2000 its benevolent offerings. There have been revivals in Swanton, Enosburgh and Highgate. From Swanton we have the following: "There was nothing of special interest in the church until about the first of January, when we employed Rev. P. Barbour to labor with us for a few weeks. After preaching three or four Sabbaths, he held a series of meetings for about three weeks, nearly every evening, and sometimes in the afternoon. The meetings were well attended. Christians were aroused, and sinners also. The result has been the addition of twenty-three to the church, by profession, and bringing Christians up to higher and holier ground." The narative from Enosburgh is as follows: "There were a few conversions during the summer and early autumn, but it was not until the meeting of the conference of the churches in October, that the work attracted general attention. During this meeting, the presence of the Holy Spirit was very apparent, and the church invited Rev. Mr. Barbour to labor with the pastor for the good of souls. From this time there was an increase of religious interest. The work of grace embraced persons of mature life,—heads of families, who have become earnest Christians, and afford some remarkable instances of Christian growth. The younger portion of the converts have not yet united with the church, but there will probably be some additions from this class at the next communion. The number received up to this time has been twenty, and the tone of religious feeling in the church is evidently much higher than formerly. The Spirit of God seems to con-

tinue with us." The minister at Highgate writes: "This year has been one of greater prosperity than any that has preceded it for a long time. Our Circular Conference was a season of special refreshing to Christians, and there were a few hopeful conversions. A series of meetings followed, in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. Mr. Barbour. These extra efforts resulted in a healthful influence upon the church, and in the hopeful conversion of some eighteen young persons." This church has received eight to its communion during the year.

In *Lamoille Association* we have nine churches, with an average of fifty-four members each. One of these churches,—that in Johnson, reports "a very interesting work of grace, which continued for several weeks, during the fall and winter. The State Normal School shared very largely in the work, and many of its students were hopefully converted. Twelve new members have been gathered into this church." The pastor at Stowe reports: "The Lord has given us some manifestations of his renewing power. About fifteen are reckoned as converts. The Lord awakened in some of our members a spirit of prayer and labor, and gave them these fruits of increased faithfulness. Meetings for prayer have been better sustained by Christians than ever before. We have had regular weekly prayer meetings, not only in the village, but in two other neighborhoods remote from the village, which are continued with interest. I find an increased readiness to work for the Master. We have tried to evangelize by Sabbath Schools, and by the general distribution of evangelical papers in remote neighborhoods. On the whole, we find much to encourage us, and we have reason to say that we have had a year of "blessing." Waterville also "has been refreshed and strengthened, and six have been added to that feeble band." The pastor at Hydepark has suffered a severe domestic affliction in the death of his wife, and his loss is also a great loss to the church of which she was a devoted and useful member. Seven of the nine churches in this Association are supplied with ministers, and thirty new members have been added; every church save one having received some.

The reports from the fourteen churches in *Montpelier Association* are brief, and less encouraging than those from other parts of the State. The number received on profession of faith is twenty-five—the smallest number reported by any Association save Lancaster. The report from the church at the Capital states that "the new church has been completed during the year, and that material interests are more prosperous than spiritual." There has been some religious interest in the Academy at Barre, and fifteen hopeful conversions. The Sabbath School in Berlin is large; the resident membership in Duxbury is reduced to seven; Marshfield has had preaching only a few Sabbaths; Northfield "has repaired its house of worship, expending $1100, and the church seemed on the eve of a revival during the week of prayer, but did not realize what was

hoped for;" there was more than usual religious interest in Roxbury following the week of prayer, and a few hopeful conversions; the congregation at Waitsfield is increasing, and there was some reviving among Christians during the week of prayer, but no conversions; the church in Waterbury "has made some improvements on its house of worship, and prayer meetings are well sustained;" in Williamstown "there was a little reviving in the winter, the Sabbath School is encouraging, and there are some indications of spiritual growth."

Orleans Association reports eighteen churches, two of which have recently become vacant. There have been occasional conversions during the year in Craftsbury, and a revival has recently commenced in the Academy. "It is characterized by unusual depth of conviction of sin, clear views of the work of Christ, and a thorough consecration on the part of those who have been changed. No extra means have been used, excepting a prayer meeting in the school, and an inquiry meeting. It is manifestly a work of God, still and powerful. At least twenty have been hopefully converted, and many others are inquiring." "There have been two or three hopeful conversions in Irasburgh within a few weeks, and the condition of the church is better than the former part of the year." The church in Lowell has a very hopeful prospect. Its gains are slow, but of an active and useful kind. There have been eight or ten hopeful conversions." An active business man in Morgan has become a Christian, who gives promise of much usefulness; there have been some hopeful conversions in Newport; the congregation is increasing in Troy; some old troubles have been settled in Westfield, and some of the impenitent have been brought to Christ; at Greensboro two cases of discipline extending through the year have been happily adjusted, and the experience has been profitable to the church; the Sabbath School has increased, and there have been some hopeful conversions. The church in Holland "still lives, with only two resident male members, and practices much self-denial to maintain preaching, and what is better, it seems to be done cheerfully." At Barton "there have been some very interesting conversions, the congregation has increased, and the increased liberality of the church is worthy of commendation." The church in Albany is hopeful, that in Brighton reports four conversions, and the church in Coventry is in a more prosperous condition than ever before; its house of worship has been repaired, at an expense of $2600. This church has been deeply afflicted in the death of its minister.

The three churches in *Lancaster Association* have all maintained the stated means of grace, and have enjoyed the usual prosperity. The church in Guildhall observed the week of prayer, and two or three in the Sabbath School seem to have been led to Christ.

The thirteen churches in *Caledonia Association* have added ninety-nine members, sixty of them by profession. The largest addition has

been to the First Church in St. Johnsbury, which has received nineteen, the fruit, in part, of the revival of last year. The two churches at St. Johnsbury Plain report this year, and from year to year, larger contributions than any other churches in the State,—an example worthy of imitation by other wealthy congregations. The church in Barnet reports "a season of deep religious interest in connection with the week of prayer. There were daily meetings for more than a month, which were marked by deep seriousness. It is hoped that thirty or forty became true Christians." There was an unusual religious interest in Peacham during the early part of the winter in connection with the meeting of a Christian Convention. Many Christians were quickened, and we hope there were some conversions. Some of the churches in this Association are depleted by emigration, others have been unable to secure ministers, and in some there is a lack of harmony which seriously interrupts their prosperity.

I have grouped together those churches of Orange County which are included in two Associations, *i. e.* nineteen churches, with an average membership of ninety. These churches have received one hundred and nineteen members during the year; ninety-one of them by profession. Most of these churches have sustained public worship. The church at Wells River is "rejoicing in the strength gained a year ago. Two branch Sabbath Schools are sustained during the summer, and district meetings in the winter. The society are expending some $2000 in enlarging and improving the house of worship." The report from Newbury speaks of a lack of harmony in that church; the church in West Newbury is gaining strength; that in Bradford has been greatly strengthened by recent additions; that in Corinth is struggling under discouragements, and needs but cannot secure preaching the whole time; there was a season of religious interest in South Washington last autumn, and some fifteen or twenty conversions, through the labors of neighboring pastors, but the church in that town has no minister, and is said to be slowly expiring. The church in Fairlee was greatly strengthened last year, and is able to sustain a number of meetings in the outlying districts; that at West Fairlee "enjoyed a precious revival during the summer and autumn, and has added twenty to its membership; the First Church in Brookfield reports a better state of religious feeling than heretofore; the Second Church rejoices "in a minister who preaches sound doctrine," which is the more acceptable after listening for a few years to the so-called liberal doctrines. The Sabbath School in Thetford has been much increased by the personal efforts of its members, and a parsonage has been purchased. The church in Post Mills is wonderfully different from what it was two years ago, as respects both its spiritual and its material interests, having received a large accession of members, and repaired its house of worship, and recently received a

parsonage through the liberality of a friend. The "congregations in Tunbridge and West Randolph are increasing." On the whole, the churches in Orange County are gaining in numbers and resources, and "they have a mind to work."

The Windsor County Conference includes twenty-four churches, distributed among three Associations. These twenty-four churches report an average of something more than one hundred members. twenty-one of the twenty-four churches have sustained public worship during the year. One hundred and ninety-six have been gathered into the churches, one hundred and twenty-nine of them by profession, making a net gain of ninety-one. Very little special religious interest is reported by the churches in the north part of the county, though there have been twelve added to the church in Rochester. The new church in South Royalton has completed its house of worship, and its minister has been installed, and its prospect of growth seems to be good. At West Hartford five members have been added. The church in Norwich is doing a good work by sustaining two meetings each week in the outlying districts. There has been a season of religious interest in the Classical and English School, and some of the students have been hopefully converted. Nineteen have been added to this church, six by profession. The congregations in Pomfret have been more regular, and the Sabbath School has been more prosperous than usual. The church in Woodstock has received twenty-three members, twelve of them by profession, and the year has been one of healthful growth. The pastor at Quechee reports his field as discouraging every way, while the church in Hartland has a larger congregation than for many years. The church at Windsor has received thirty-eight members, thirty-one of them by profession. There has been a very healthful religious interest in this parish for three years past, which has not only been sustained from year to year, but has reached larger numbers each year, and has brought about eighty members into the church. The special revival interest was more fully developed last winter, during the week of prayer, and union meetings were continued every evening for five weeks. As many as fifty or sixty, connected with different congregations, seem to have begun a new life within the year. Quite a proportion of these are persons in mature life—heads of families, and among the leading men of business. Others are young people. A Young Men's Christian Association, organized in November, has been very useful, especially in reaching those who would not have been likely to attend other religious meetings. The direct personal efforts of private Christians have been the means of leading many to Christ. While a few have been held back by the cares of the world, a large portion of the church have shared in the labors and rewards of the revival; and those have received the largest blessing in their own families, who entered most fully into the work for

Christ. The moral atmosphere of the town has been greatly changed, and the balance of influence is now on the Christian side. Two or three meetings are sustained in the outlying districts from week to week. Thus the Lord has been leading us in paths of peace and of prosperity; and to His name be the praise. The church in Weathersfield Center has also enjoyed a season of refreshing, commencing with the coming of their present minister. The congregation has increased, the prayer meetings have become more attractive and spiritual, and nineteen persons have already united with the church, and there are others who will follow them in due time. This parish is building a parsonage. There was a season of religious interest at Ascutneyville during the winter, and a few conversions. The small church in Plymouth, which was given up to die years ago, reports a gain of five members. The Missionary Society has sustained preaching in the south part of the town, most of the year, while a resident minister preaches in another part of the town, and the few scattered Christians are praying and working for the extension of the kingdom of Christ. The church in Ludlow has lost six and added none,—that at Weston is without preaching, and "there has been no special interest" in Chester. The church in "Springfield has cherished the revival spirit of the previous year, in spite of the inconvenience of changing the place of worship for repairs on the church. These repairs, and the furnishing of the church, will cost about $14,000. There have been eight or ten hopeful conversions during the year. These, with a part of the fruits of the revival of last year, have been gathered into the church, making an addition of forty-three in all, thirty of them by profession. The congregation has recently returned to the usual house of worship, with full numbers. The Sabbath School is larger than for many years, and the working power of the church is enlarging every way.

Windham Association includes twenty-five churches, with a membership of about two thousand. One-third of the churches are reported vacant. Eleven of them received no additions by profession, and no one reports a revival during the year; yet one hundred and seventeen have been gathered into the churches, sixty-four by profession. The church in Bellows Falls has secured a pastor, who reports two hopeful conversions, a larger congregation and Sabbath School; Brattleboro West sustains two Mission Sabbath Schools, and has larger congregations on the Sabbath and a larger Sabbath School. The young church at Cambridgeport has doubled its membership, receiving some at almost every communion, and the people are laboring together to bring souls to Christ. The church in the north of Londonderry, organized last autumn, has improved its house of worship, built a parsonage, and seems to be entering upon a prosperous career. From Townshend East we learn of considerable religious interest and some hopeful conversions. The church

in Westminster West reports a year of harmony and general prosperity; Westminster East reports increased religious interest during the winter, and also a readiness to engage in the work of evangelizing the parish by district meetings. The church in West Dover has been weakened by the death of an important member, and encouraged by the presence of the Holy Spirit during the winter. At Jamaica the house of worship has been repaired. A number of the churches are said to have been without public worship during the year. Some others are weakened by internal strife, and on the whole, the report from this Association contrasts unpleasantly with that of last year.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Pastors have been dismissed from Orwell, Rutland, West Rutland, Poultney, Vergennes, Swanton, Brownington, Newbury, Chester and Windham; ten in all.

Pastors have been installed in Thetford, Orwell, Wallingford, Georgia, St. Albans, Waitsfield, West Randolph, South Royalton, Bellows Falls and Cambridgeport; ten in all. One pastor has died during the year. The number of pastors is one less than a year ago. It is worthy of notice that churches which become vacant, do not at once secure pastors. Only one church whose pastor has been dismissed during the year has secured a pastor.

We have eighty pastors, seventy-one acting pastors, and fifty-five ministers without charge, making two hundred and six ministers.

VACANT CHURCHES.

Forty-one churches are reported vacant. Some of these are supplied from week to week, and are seeking for pastors; others are supplied in part by the Domestic Missionary Society, or by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations. There are some twelve of the number which are really without the means of grace, and are slowly dying. It is a question each year whether their names shall be stricken from our roll of churches; but it is difficult to be quite sure that a Christian church is dead. It may be, God will return to it, so that it will revive again, and it seems to be a very small act of Christian kindness to permit them to have a name to live until they are quite dead.

GENERAL RESULTS.

The whole number of conversions reported above is something more than one thousand. The number who have united with the churches by profession is eight hundred and sixty-six. The number added by letter is four hundred and eighteen, making the whole number of additions one thousand two hundred and eighty-four.

During the same time three hundred and twenty-seven have died, five hundred and twelve have been dismissed to other churches and twenty-two have been excluded, making the number removed eight hundred and sixty-one, and leaving a net gain of four hundred and twenty-three.

A new church has been organized in North Londonderry. This makes the present number of churches one hundred and ninety-six. Reports have been secured from one hundred and ninety of these churches, which contain eighteen thousand four hundred and fifty-nine members. To this number should be added one hundred and thirty-four for the six churches which have not reported, which makes the *whole number of members eighteen thousand five hundred and ninety-three.* The average is ninety-four to each church.

The churches from which we have no reports this year are Barnard, Eden, Warren, Vershire, Chittenden and Pownal, which reported last year one hundred and forty-one members.

REMARKS.

1. It is a fact which we should not fail to notice, that the number of members reported above is larger than it was eight years ago, by two thousand three hundred and fifteen, an increase of fourteen per cent. The Sabbath Schools have increased from fifteen thousand five hundred and eight to nineteen thousand three hundred and twenty-seven, and the benevolent contributions from $28,350 to $46,240, an increase of sixty-five per cent. It has been said very often, that the number of members in our churches was larger thirty-five years ago than it is now. It may fairly be questioned whether this statement does justice to the present condition of our denomination in the State. It is true that during the period of the so-called Burchard revivals, large numbers were swept into our churches, and for some years the number of members reported was larger than our statistical tables show at present. But it is well known that a large proportion of those added at that time were an element of weakness rather than of strength; and that they were sifted out of the churches by the slow and painful processes of discipline. For a long time afterwards there was spiritual dearth in our churches, and a falling off in the number of members year by year, until it reached its lowest point in 1861. But the growth since that time has been far more healthful. Our churches have avoided, until recently, the whole system of evangelism, and there has been a development of their spiritual energies which has done much towards evangelizing the parishes, and which has brought more than thirty-four hundred new members into the communion of saints within three years. May it not fairly be claimed that our churches in this State are now stronger, and are putting forth a more powerful religious influence than at any former period?

2. The most suggestive column in our statistical tables is that which gives the number of members who are less than thirty years of age. One hundred and eighty churches have replied to the inquiry upon this point, and they report three thousand four hundred and seventy-four members below the age of thirty, out of a total membership of sixteen thousand six hundred and two, a very little more than one-fifth. This indicates that the religious agencies we are using are far less efficient in leading the children and youth to Christ, than we ought to expect. It is true that quite a proportion of the younger members of our churches remove to other parts of the country. But this fact does not destroy the force of the fact above stated, for the statistics of our Sabbath Schools show that the number of children and young persons in our congregations is large. The Sabbath Schools report this year nineteen thousand three hundred and twenty-seven members. More than half—perhaps three-quarters—of these are below the age of thirty, and yet of this whole number less than four thousand are professors of religion. The reports from the churches state that the Sabbath Schools are unusually prosperous. But do not these statistics confirm what many of us observe in our own fields of labor, that the direct spiritual results are far less than we should reasonably expect?

Meanwhile, the reports from year to year show that the ordinance of infant baptism is sadly neglected. A *well informed essayist*, Dr. Aiken, told us three years ago, that in respect to the observance of this ordinance, the churches of Vermont stand at the foot of the list of Congregational churches in the United States. This year the churches report two hundred and twenty-three infants baptized, and five hundred and forty adults. If, as seems very probable, the neglect of this Christian ordinance indicates a corresponding neglect of family religious instruction, it is easy to see where the weak point in our system of religious influences lies. We are giving unusual attention to the evangelizing of the waste places; shall we not see to it that our own families do not lie waste? Is it not the most important practical question now before us, how to train the children of the church so that they shall become a holy generation?

3. Another very marked feature in the reports this year is the increasing tendency to employ evangelists to promote revivals of religion. There has been a marked change in the practice of our churches within a few years. It was common ten years ago to hear the men of widest experience and influence in our churches say that the system of evangelism was to be condemned by the fruits it had borne in Vermont. The remark was frequently made by these men, that the churches of this State had been thirty years in recovering from the injury which was done them while this system was generally adopted. And until quite

recently, the ministers and churches have preferred to depend upon pastoral labor, and the assistance of neighboring ministers during seasons of revival. This was generally the fact in the great revivals of 1867–8. But during the year just closed, the drift has been strongly toward the employment of evangelists. Other denominations have in most instances introduced them, and the Congregational churches have adopted them. The larger part of the evangelists who have been employed by our churches do not belong to our denomination.

It does not belong to the proper scope of this report to enter into any discussion of the expediency of reviving the system of evangelism in Vermont, but it is perfectly legitimate to direct attention to the very marked tendency in that direction. Our churches admit no power of legislation in any ecclesiastical body. It is only the more important for them to consider such questions of policy as this: *Is the pastoral relation sufficient to meet the necessities of our churches, or is it advisable to supplement it by the labors of an order of evangelists?*

E. H. BYINGTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Windsor, Vt., June 12, 1869.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Three of the ministers of our denomination in this State have died during the year. They had all been identified with our churches for many years, and it is fitting that we should put on record some memorial of them.

Rev. BENJAMIN F. FOSTER, died November 2, 1868, in Dummerston, Vt. He was a native of Hanover, N. H., born June 16, 1803, and was led by religious motives to prosecute a course of liberal studies as a preparation for the Christian ministry. He was graduated in 1829 at Amherst College, read theology with Dr. McKeen at Bradford, and was ordained in March, 1832. He was twice installed—the first time in Salisbury, N. H., November 13, 1833, where he remained about thirteen years, and the next time in Dummerston, Vt., September, 1846, where he continued to reside until his death, although on account of his failing health he was dismissed December 18, 1867, after a pastorate of twenty-one years. Mr. Foster was a faithful minister, and the Lord set his seal upon his labors by giving him success in winning souls. He was blessed with

revivals in both his parishes. There was one in Salisbury in 1842 which was of great interest, and which brought a large number into the church. He is spoken of by his brethren in the Association as a faithful minister of Christ, a diligent student of the Holy Scriptures, a plain, earnest and able preacher of the Gospel. He was inclined, by a constitutional tendency, to take very low views of himself and of his own public services, and was often depressed and discouraged by the cares of the ministry. "But there was a vein of cheerfulness in his life that made him always companionable, and his home a welcome place for his friends. He was much esteemed by his brethren in the ministry as an able divine." Yet he would never admit that there was anything excellent in his sermons excepting the texts. He died trusting the Saviour whom he had preached for thirty-seven years. A few days before he died he summed up the results of his long experience as a student of the lively oracles, and a minister of the gospel, by saying, "The plan of redemption looks glorious."

Rev. SILAS AIKEN, D. D., died at his old home in Rutland, April 7, 1869. The chief outward events in his life were the following: He was born at Bedford, N. H., May 14, 1799, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1825, was tutor in College for three years after his graduation, and studied theology with Dr. Bennett Tyler. He was ordained and installed at Amherst, N. H., March 4, 1829, where he had a very successful ministry. A revival of religion commenced soon after his settlement, which extended through the town, and added a large number to the church. Mr. Aiken's health at this period was perfect, and he was able to do a very great amount of ministerial labor, preaching frequently in the different districts of his parish, and making his influence felt very widely. His reputation was such that after a ministry of eight years in Amherst, he was called to the pulpit of Park Street Church, Boston, where he was installed March 22, 1837, and where he continued to labor for eleven years. While in Boston his health became seriously impaired, and he never regained that strength which he possessed before. After journeying for a few months, far and near, he was so much improved that he accepted a call from the church in Rutland, where he was installed March 29, 1849. During the winter of 1857 and 1858 there was a very powerful revival of religion in Rutland, and more than a hundred were hopefully converted. At the Convention in 1858, Dr. Aiken was full to overflowing of the spirit of the revival, and the narrative which he gave of incidents connected with it will long be remembered by the younger ministers who heard it. In 1860, at his request, his church settled a colleague pastor, and in 1863 he resigned his pastorate and was dismissed July 1st of that year.

Dr. Aiken was a man of rare gifts,—in some respects the most eminent of the ministers of the State. He had a strong and well balanced intellect, a clear and reliable judgment. In sacred learning his attainments were more than ordinary, and he maintained a high position as a preacher. There was a wonderful simplicity about his personal character which won the hearts of all who came within the circle of his influence. The following extract from a Minute adopted by the Rutland Association is from the pen of Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D. After alluding to the loss which the Association, in common with the churches of the State, had sustained, the Minute proceeds with the following estimate of his character and worth:

"Kind and genial as an associate and co-laborer, doing acts of favor in a way to leave the impression that he himself was the favored party;

clear and comprehensive in his views of truth, with ability to state and defend them, wise in judgment, judicious in counsel, with an unwavering love for truth and righteousness, he commanded the respect of all, and the love and confidence of those who knew him best. Sorrowing that we can have him no more with us, we record the sense of our deep bereavement, while we rejoice in the conviction that his work, which is now done, will be pronounced 'well done' by Him whom he so faithfully served."

Rev. PLINY H. WHITE died in Coventry, April 24, 1869. He was born in Springfield, Vt., October 5, 1822, and was left fatherless when three years of age. His education was gained in the common school and the Academy in Limerick, Me., where he was a student from his eighth to his fifteenth year. After a few years spent in a country store, he studied law with Hon. Wm. C. Bradley of Westminster, and was admitted to the Bar in Windham county, November 14, 1843. He continued to practice law for nine years, commencing during this time his contributions to the public press, and in 1851 becoming editor of the Brattleboro *Eagle*. In 1852, Gov. Fairbanks appointed him Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs. From 1853 to 1857 he was employed in the counting room of Messrs. E. and T. Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, and afterwards edited a paper at Amherst, Mass., for about one year. In 1858, at the age of thirty-six years, he preached his first sermon, having pursued his theological studies privately during several years before. He was ordained in Coventry, February 15, 1859, where he continued his ministry until his death, ten years and more. There were two revivals of religion during this time, one soon after he began to preach, which added about twenty to the church, and the other in 1867 and 1868, which lasted about a year, and added fifty to the church. As a preacher Mr. White was clear and didactic. His people were trained under the influence of the great doctrines of the Bible. He was diligent in sowing the seed, and when the time of reaping came it was found that he had carefully prepared the ground. But he was useful far beyond the bounds of his parish. For eight years he had been a member of the Board of Education, for some four years he had been President of the Vermont Historical Society, and for three years he had been at the head of the temperance order known as the Good Templars. He had collected a great amount of materials for local history, and had in preparation a history of the Congregational Churches of the State. He was a constant contributor to the public press. Few if any of the younger ministers of our denomination were so well known outside the State as he. His too early death is attributed to his incessant activity of mind. For a year or two he has shown very plainly that he was an overworked man, and we may well learn from his premature death the importance of giving rest to the mind when rest is needed.

The resolutions which have been passed with reference to his death by the various organizations with which he was connected, show the estimation in which he was held, but only those who shared his personal friendship can appreciate the singular excellence of his character.

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.

1868, Aug.	19	North Londonderry	24 members.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

1868, June	2	Rev. Richard T. Searle	at	Thetford.
Dec.	15	Rev. Charles C. Torrey	at	Georgia.
1869, Feb.	3	Rev. Milton L. Severance	at	Orwell.
Feb.	25	Rev. Herman C. Riggs	at	St. Albans.
March	10	Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D.	at	Wallingford.
		Rev. Daniel W. Fox	at	South Royalton.
May	29	Rev. A. C. Childs	at	Charlestom,

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1868, Sept.	10	Mr. John H. Babbitt	at	Waitsfield.
Oct.	27	Mr. Cyrus Hamlin	at	Bellows Falls.
1869, Feb.	3	Mr Samuel W. Dike	at	West Randolph.
March	23	Mr. J. C. McCollom	at	Cambridgeport.

MINISTERS ORDAINED WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

1868, Sept.	24	Mr. Elbridge Gerry	at	West Randolph.
Dec,	23	Mr. Frederic Hicks	at	Bennington.
1869, April	8	Mr. Charles H. Riggs	at	Stockbridge.

MINISTERS DISMISSED,

1868, Aug.	4	Rev. Lewis A. Austin	from	Orwell.
Aug.	18	Rev. Henry A. P. Torrey	from	Vergennes.
Oct.	21	Rev. Alonzo T. Deming	from	Swanton.
Nov.	4	Rev. Norman Seaver, D. D.	from	Rutland.
1869, Feb.	23	Rev. John G. Hale	from	Poultney.
March	4	Rev. Stephen Harris	from	Windham.
March	15	Rev. David Shurtliff	from	Brownington.
March	23	Rev. George L. Gleason	from	West Rutland.
April	3	Rev. H. N. Burton	from	Newbury.
April	6	Rev. Charles E. Lord	from	Chester.
May	12	Rev. George P. Byington	from	Benson.
		Rev. John H. Woodward	from	Irasburgh.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1868, Nov.	2	Rev. Benjamin F. Foster	at	Dummerston.
1869, April	7	Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D.	at	Rutland.
April	24	Rev. Pliny H. White	at	Coventry.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. HARVEY F. LEAVITT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Addison	Nov. 24,	1804 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	5
Bridport	June 30,	1790 W. W. Winchester,	P.	Mar. 23, 1854	1867	71	124	195	40	45	57	3	60	1	4	0	5	51	1	275	250	$237 39	125
Bristol	July 8,	1805 Amzi B. Lyon,	P.	Feb., 1858	1867	31	56	87	10	20	7	3	10	0	2	0	2	5	0	109	90	47 00	70
Cornwall	July 15,	1785 S. W. Magill,	P.	Sept., 1836	1867	57	107	164	23	28	3	3	6	4	3	1	8	2	4	200	150	255 62	100
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 26,	1824 Harvey F. Leavitt,	A. P.	May, 1830	1867	20	45	65	5	25	20	5	25	2	0	0	2	12	0	65	70	100 00	30
Middlebury	Sept. 5,	1790 Joseph F. Cook,	.....	Licentiate.	1869	139	238	377	57	50	14	4	18	5	10	0	15	7	1	150	200	538 30	140
New Haven	Sept. 20,	1800 Calvin B. Hulbert,	P.	Oct. 20, 1859	1859	100	174	274	36	100	1	4	5	2	1	0	3	1	2	150	250	400 00	130
Orwell		1789 M. L. Severance,	P.	Feb. 17, 1864	1869	69	103	172	27	61	0	3	3	3	4	1	8	0	0	225	150	361 32	83
Ripton	Nov. 6,	1828 Cephas H. Kent,	P.	Oct. 22, 1828	1861	25	36	61	19	19	4	0	4	1	3	2	6	2	1	50	44	51 31	36
Salisbury	Feb. 8,	1804 Prof. G. N. Webber,	A. P.	Dec. 5, 1855	1869	16	32	48	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	125	25 00	35
Shoreham	Mar. 26,	1794 Wm. N. Bacon,	P.	Dec. 28, 1859	1864	40	88	128	13	21	21	2	23	3	8	1	12	15	4	110	150	425 00	68
Vergennes	Sept. 17,	1793 Prof. M. H. Buckham,	.....	Licentiate.	1869	64	136	200	30	45	30	4	34	5	8	0	13	17	0	100	166	250 00	120
Weybridge	June 20,	1794 H. D. Kitchel, D.D.	A. P.	Feb. 10, 1839	1867	29	45	74	9	25	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	50	75	38 00	26
13		7 Pastors, 3 A. P.				663	1186	1849	280	448	158	31	189	26	43	5	74	113	17	1558	1720	$2,728 94	968

Ministers without charge—Joseph Steele, Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainard, Daniel Ladd, Middlebury; Otto S. Hoyt, New Haven; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Ordained—M. L. Severance, Orwell. *Dismissed*—Henry A. P. Torrey, Vergennes; Lewis A. Austin, Orwell.

2. BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. RUFUS S. CUSHMAN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs					Admitted			Removals.				Bap'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. less than 30.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
East Arlington..	Nov.,	1843	Charles Redfield,	A. P.	June 9,	1859	1868	15	32	47	11	5	5	0	5	1	4	0	5	4	0	75	60	$35 00	47
Bennington 1st..	Dec.,	1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	Jan.,	1843	1853	48	133	181	....	....	3	2	5	9	16	...	25	1	2	135	150	750 00	75
Bennington 2d..		1836	C. H. Hubbard,	A. P.	Feb.,	1848	1851	99	140	239	12	....	8	5	13	4	2	0	6	5	4	225	275	670 00	100
Bennington N....	May,	1868	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	13	22	35	4	10	8	27	35	0	0	0	0	2	1	....	150	.....	50
Dorset.....	Sept.,	1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	Sept.,	1847	1856	35	69	104	12	22	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	....	1	170	160	374 99	85
East Dorset.....	Oct.,	1867	F. W. Olmsted,	A. P.	July,	1848	1867	4	11	15	1	5	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	60	90	25 00	50
Manchester.....		1784	Rufus S. Cushman,	P.	Dec.,	1843	1862	67	134	201	20	58	4	5	9	6	7	0	13	3	5	200	225	360 65	90
Pownal.....	May 21,	1851	Supp. by a Meth.	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Rupert.....		1786	J. B. Clark,	A. P.		1832	1857	29	65	94	5	27	2	0	2	2	0	3	5	1	0	75	70	118 00	45
Saadgate.....		1782	Supp. by a Meth.	.....	.....	.....	....	4	9	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	50	.....	30
10			3 Pastors, 4 A. P.					314	615	929	68	127	31	45	76	25	31	3	59	17	13	965	1030	$2,334 64	572

Ministers without charge—James Anderson, J. D. Wickham, D. D., J. W. Brown, Lewis A. Austin, Manchester; Richard C. Hand, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ordained—Frederic Hicks, Missionary to Panama, C. A., at Bennington Center, Dec. 23, 1868.

3. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. J. Torrey.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors. or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev'l'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Barnet (M. I. F.)	Oct. 22, 1829	M. B. Bradford,	A. P.	Nov., 1827	1859	21	78	99	29	17	2	2	4	2	4	0	6	1	3	90	150	.....	80
Barnet	Sept. 14, 1858	L. S. Watts,	A. P.	Feb. 7, 1866	1867	29	75	104	16	20	7	4	11	2	2	0	4	3	1	200	145	$301 58	90
Burke	March 1, 1807	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	16	27	43	8	8	5	4	9	3	5	0	8	5	2	50	60	.....	24
Cabot	Oct. 25, 1801	S. F. Drew,	P.	Oct. 18, 1857	1860	50	85	135	22	26	1	2	3	1	8	0	9	1	2	120	160	200 00	76
Danville	Aug., 1792	C. W. Thompson,	A. P.	.....	1869	26	51	77	25	5	0	2	2	5	0	0	5	0	0	95	100	75 00	73
Hardwick	July 29, 1803	Joseph Torrey,	P.	May 30, 1860	1860	36	83	119	11	40	5	4	9	3	2	0	5	1	2	166	130	239 21	78
Lyndon	Nov. 30, 1817	Moses H. Wells,	A. P.	Nov. 19, 1845	1866	21	65	86	21	8	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	83	125	171 83	64
Peacham	April 14, 1792	Perrin B. Fisk,	P.	Oct. 1, 1863	1866	81	157	238	53	38	10	0	10	7	10	0	17	7	2	300	350	342 24	150
St. Johnsbury 1st	Nov. 21, 1809	Ew'd.T.Fairbanks	P.	Jan. 1, 1868	1868	28	72	100	23	13	18	1	19	2	2	0	4	8	0	92	124	96 32	66
St. Johnsbury E.	Nov. 25, 1840	J. P. Humphrey,	P.	Feb. 3, 1847	1868	34	45	79	20	6	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	2	140	150	200 00	60
St. Johnsbury 2d	April 7, 1825	E. C. Cummings,	P.	Mar. 17, 1858	1860	105	199	304	71	....	7	4	11	2	11	0	13	5	2	325	251	4,807 50	135
St. Johnsbury S.	Oct. 23, 1851	Lewis O. Brastow,	P.	Jan. 10, 1861	1861	73	129	202	40	38	4	11	15	2	5	0	7	3	3	210	242	4,204 55	120
Waterford	May 30, 1798	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	42	52	94	42	19	1	2	3	2	5	0	7	0	3	85	100	.....	50
13		7 Pastors, 3 A. P.				562	1118	1680	381	238	60	39	99	34	57	0	91	34	24	1950	2087	$10,638 23	1036

Ministers without charge—W. W. Thayer, Prof. Henry Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury; J. Underwood, East Hardwick.

4. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. J. G. Bailey.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Cambridge.....	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	P.	Jan. 23, 1856	1855	16	22	38	5	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	80	125	$120 00	50
Eden.....	Oct. 25, 1812	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Hydepark	March 5, 1863	J. G. Bailey,	P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1862	8	20	28	2	5	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	3	0	*140	110	70 00	60
North Hydepark.	Sept. 9, 1858	J. G. Bailey,	A. P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1862	11	23	34	7	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	*60	70	25 34	40
Johnson.....	Sept. 20, 1817	Fred. Oxnard,	A. P.	May, 1861	1868	44	88	132	25	25	12	6	18	0	3	0	3	10	0	200	200	40 00	90
Morristown.....	July 14, 1807	J. C. Houghton,	A. P.	Jan. 15, 1968	1867	28	64	92	13	11	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	1	0	125	160	90 00	50
Stowe.....	Nov. 21, 1818	J. T. Ford,	P.	Nov. 25, 1857	1856	29	64	93	11	32	6	0	6	3	10	0	13	3	2	150	120	216 00	85
Waterville.....	Feb. 25, 1823	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	5	17	22	2	3	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	2	0	*50	75	0 00	75
Wolcott.....	June 11, 1818	Horace Herrick,	A. P.	Sept. 1, 1844	1860	17	33	50	3	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	50	60	19 00	40
9		3 Pastors, 4 A. P.				158	331	489	68	83	30	8	38	12	22	0	34	19	2	755	915	$580 00	465

*Union Schools.

Ministers without charge—John Gleed, Morrisville; James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson.
G. F. Montgomery, Missionary, Lyman Bartlett, Missionary, Morash, Central Turkey.

5. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. James Laird.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Granby & Victory	1825	Joshua Eaton,	A. P.	Dec. 1, 1841	1868	17	24	41	5	12	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	54	55	$59 88	28
Guildhall.....	1799	James Laird.	P.	Mar. 15, 1866	1866	22	50	72	18	8	3	4	7	2	0	1	3	0	5	70	85	75 78	62
Lunenburgh.....	1802	James R. Bourne,	P.	Feb. 8, 1859	1867	46	90	136	22	36	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	1	130	125	50 00	75
3		2 Pastors, 1 A. P.				85	164	249	45	56	9	4	13	6	2	1	9	2	7	254	265	$185 66	165

Minister without charge—Jeremiah Glines. *Licentiate*—C. W. Walker.

6. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. PLINY F. BARNARD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs. Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. less than 30.	Admitted Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Removed. Death	Dism	Excl.	Total	Bap'ms Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
Barre	Nov. 14, 1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1845	1868	40	105	145	37	20	8	6	14	3	1	0	4	6	0	....	175	$180 00	111
Berlin	Oct. 17, 1798	E. Irvin Carpenter,	A. P.	Dec. 12, 1842	1867	25	56	81	28	17	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	126	100	133 90	50
Berlin West	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone,	A. P.	Jan. 21, 1829	1864	4	11	15	1	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	75	28 00	30
Duxbury	Jan. 18, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	11	13	24	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	....
Marshfield	May 18, 1826	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	7	7	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	....
Montpelier	July 20, 1808	Wm. H. Lord, D.D.	P.	Sept. 21, 1847	1847	160	249	409	100	....	7	9	16	7	3	0	10	2	5	325	400	685 00	160
Northfield	May 27, 1822	Wm. S. Hazen,	P.	Oct. 12, 1864	1863	40	75	115	26	16	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	157	138	185 54	79
Plainfield	Jan. 5, 1826	Horace Pratt,	A. P.	March, 1849	1868	12	27	39	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	50	60	0 00	....
Roxbury	March, 1804	Alden Ladd,	P.	Feb. 15, 1865	1863	14	36	51	8	10	3	3	6	1	2	0	3	3	0	60	90	72 00	40
Waitsfield	June 27, 1796	James H. Babbitt,	P.	Sept. 10, 1868	1868	42	87	129	20	15	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	4	125	110	40 25	60
Warren	1816	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	....
Waterbury	July 10, 1801	Jona. Copeland,	A. P.	Nov. 14, 1843	1867	42	98	140	20	36	1	6	7	2	13	0	15	1	0	120	150	338 69	....
Williamstown	Aug. 13, 1795	Pliny F. Barnard,	P.	Jan. 14, 1847	1856	23	63	86	17	17	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	95	100	89 76	50
Worcester	Feb. 28, 1824	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	14	38	52	20	4	5	0	5	3	2	0	5	4	9	40	70	50 00	....
14		5 Pastors, 5 A. P.				435	865	1300	301	147	25	28	53	20	31	0	51	17	19	1198	1468	$1,803 14	580

Ministers without charge—Chas. S. Smith, Sec. Vt. Dom. Miss. Society, Montpelier; Caleb M. Winch, Co. Missionary for Orange County, Barre; David Perry.

Ordained—James H. Babbitt, pastor of church in Waitsfield, Sept. 10, 1868.

7. NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. GEORGE B. TOLMAN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Alburgh	Feb. 18, 1824	Calvin B. Cady,	A. P.	Nov., 1838	1851	15	42	57	7	13	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	8	75	100	$65 00	45
Bakersfield	July 3, 1811	George F. Wright,	P.	Aug. 26, 1863	1862	43	75	118	20	26	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	130	100	115 00	60
Berkshire East	July 15, 1820	Elias W. Hatch,	P.	Sept. 25, 1866	1866	18	31	49	4	8	3	0	3	1	1	1	3	3	8	100	70	100 25	31
Enosburgh	Oct. 11, 1811	Alfred B. Swift,	A. P.	Jan. 7, 1855	1861	61	79	140	36	38	19	1	20	1	0	0	1	13	8	150	115	550 00	45
Fairfield	Sept. 22, 1800	Daniel Wild,	A. P.	July 1, 1830	1867	8	17	25	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	50	65 00	16
Franklin	Oct. 11, 1817	Joseph R. Munsill,	A. P.	.....	1868	13	29	42	5	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	55	70	0 00	30
Georgia	Nov. 7, 1793	Charles C. Torrey,	P.	Sept. 7, 1855	1868	27	58	85	9	10	10	1	11	4	0	0	4	7	1	70	90	180 00	64
Highgate	Oct. 28, 1811	Elam J. Comings,	A. P.	Sept., 1841	1867	25	55	80	20	8	7	1	8	2	0	0	2	2	2	100	110	49 40	38
Montgomery	July 15, 1817	Sewall Paine,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1845	15	33	48	5	11	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	0	35	35	14 10	22
North Hero	Nov. 18, 1862	S. H. Williams,	P.	June 16, 1845	1862	3	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	0
Sheldon	Aug., 1816	George B. Tolman,	P.	July 10, 1862	1862	21	34	55	11	15	1	3	4	1	2	0	3	0	2	60	65	223 60	27
St. Albans 1st	Jan. 2, 1803	Herman C. Riggs,	P.	May, 1857	1868	79	156	235	29	62	12	15	27	16	17	0	33	2	1	246	400	3,951 57	125
St. Albans 2d	May 26, 1841	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	10	15	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	0
Swanton	Jan. 4, 1800	John Bradshaw,	A. P.	.....	1869	45	101	146	22	30	23	3	26	2	7	0	9	8	6	100	100	347 69	42
14		7 Pastors, 6 A. P				383	728	1111	168	216	80	24	104	32	34	1	67	38	36	1151	1405	$5,961 61	545

Minister without charge—Lyndon S. French, Franklin.

Dismissed—Alonzo T. Deming, from the church in Swanton, Oct. 21, 1868.

Installed—C. C. Torrey, Georgia, Dec. 16, 1868; Herman C. Riggs, St. Albans, Feb. 25, 1869.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM S. PALMER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connect.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Bradford	June 24,	1818 John K. Williams,	P.	Nov. 22,	1868	1866	42	129	171	47	33	5	0	5	3	5	1	9	4	4	165	165	$261 70	110
Corinth	Oct.,	1820 C. M. Winch,	A. P.	June 29,	1853	1868	24	61	85	26	16	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	75	54 00	50
Fairlee	Feb. 28,	1833 Silas McKeen, D.D.	A. P.	Oct. 28,	1815	1866	17	42	57	4	18	4	1	5	0	2	0	2	4	1	100	150	50 00	50
Fairlee West	Dec. 9,	1809 Solon Martin,	A. P.	June 16,	1835	1866	36	70	106	22	35	18	2	20	3	4	0	7	15	0	75	112	70 00	40
Newbury		1764 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	38	120	158	17	28	5	1	6	3	3	1	7	2	2	100	200	630 50	90
Newbury West	Feb. 13,	1867 David Connell,	A. P.	Oct. 20,	1842	1866	11	28	39	2	7	8	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	86	28 00	45
Post Mills	Feb. 26,	1839 A. T. Deming,	A. P.	June 11,	1863	1868	32	56	88	9	17	10	0	10	1	0	0	1	8	0	92	135	33 00	78
Strafford	Nov.,	1820 Samuel Delano,	A. P.	March,	1827	1866	10	25	35	4	9	3	2	5	3	2	0	5	1	0	30	65	0 00	25
Thetford		1773 R. T. Searle,	P.	May 8,	1845	1868	69	128	197	28	63	13	5	18	4	8	0	12	5	3	174	175	710 19	105
Vershire	July 14,	1787 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	....	....	....	0	....	....	0	0	0	0 00	....
Washington		1800 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	3	4	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	0
Wells River	June 13,	1842 William S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19,	1862	1862	37	102	139	25	30	5	0	5	1	3	0	4	4	0	250	220	470 00	125
12		3 Pastors, 6 A. P					319	765	1084	185	256	72	14	86	18	28	2	48	44	10	1051	1373	$2,287 39	718

Ministers without charge—Isaac Hosford, North Thetford; Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire.

Dismissed—H. N. Burton, Newbury, April 3, 1869.

9. ORLEANS ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. AZEL W. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. less than 30.	Admitted Prof.	Let't'r	Total	Removed. Death	Dism.	Excl	Total	Bap'ms. Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Familes.
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	John P. Demeritt,	.....	Licentiate.	1869	8	19	27	10	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	60	0 00	28
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	Wm. A. Robinson,	P.	Jan. 11, 1865	1865	32	63	95	22	12	3	3	6	1	3	0	4	3	0	124	130	$165 00	70
Brighton	Sept. 1, 1841	Sup. by F. W. Bap.	.....	.....	1869	5	10	15	8	1	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	60	100	0 00	51
Brownington	March 4, 1809	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	28	52	80	17	10	5	2	7	0	1	0	1	3	2	70	85	125 00	44
Charleston	May 14, 1844	A. C. Childs,	A. P.	May 18, 1853	1869	15	41	56	8	3	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	100	109 00	40
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	48	94	142	10	58	3	3	6	2	4	0	6	1	1	220	144	278 92	86
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	1.	Oct. 11, 1865	1865	44	93	137	12	50	6	3	9	3	3	0	6	4	3	170	130	244 93	84
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	John Rogers,	A. P.	June, 1861	1868	33	51	84	12	14	4	0	4	2	2	0	4	4	0	70	100	118 00	55
Glover	July 12, 1817	S. K. B. Perkins,	P.	Jan. 11, 1860	1858	25	52	77	14	22	5	1	6	1	1	0	2	2	4	160	139	73 79	95
Greensboro	Nov. 24, 1804	Azel W. Wild,	P.	Oct. 26, 1864	1864	32	54	86	17	18	0	1	1	3	5	0	8	0	3	176	106	194 56	61
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	J. T. Howard, T. E. Ranney,	P. A. P.	Jan. 19, 1841 May 1, 1844	1844 1867	3	14	17	9	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	37	41	27 63	28
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	J. H. Woodward,	P.	Jan. 31, 1838	1864	51	64	115	19	35	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	100	110	0 00	41
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	Azro A. Smith,	P.	Feb. 11, 1864	1863	18	23	41	9	8	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	4	3	131	90	25 00	51
Morgan	Jan. 4, 1823	Jacob S. Clark, Asahel R. Gray,	P. A. P.	Jan. 11, 1827 Nov. 13, 1844	1827 1864	12	23	35	8	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	80	80	15 00	60
Newport	Feb. 23, 1831	Geo. H. Bailey,	P.	Nov. 26, 1867	1867	38	65	103	25	20	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	105	150	140 00	72
Troy	Jan. 23, 1845	Daniel Goodhue,	A. P.	May 2, 1848	1868	4	12	16	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	30	70	0 00	50
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	Daniel H. Babcock,	A. P.	Nov. 7, 1839	1867	18	43	61	9	11	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	60	100	21 25	100
Westfield	April 19, 1818	Daniel Goodhue,	A. P.	May 2, 1848	1868	20	38	58	8	9	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	2	110	90	50 00	75
18		8 Pastors, 9 A. P.				434	811	1245	219	276	36	21	57	20	32	0	52	25	21	1813	1825	$1,588 08	1091

Ministers without charge.—Samuel R. Hall, Brownington; R. V. Hall, Newport; George Stone, North Troy.

Deceased.—Pliny H. White, Coventry, April 24, 1869.

Dismissed.—David Shurtliff, Brownington, March 16, 1869.

10. ROYALTON ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. CHARLES H. RIGGS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Barnard	May 15, 1782	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Bethel	July 25, 1817	E. E. Lewis,	.....	Licentiate.	1868	12	30	42	9	7	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	98	85	$100 50	51
Braintree	Dec. 25, 1794	Ammi Nichols,	A. P.	Sept. 23, 1807	1807	10	21	37	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	35	9 00	25
Brookfield 1st	Sept. 23, 1785	Daniel Wild, / George H. White,	P. / A. P.	July 1,	1830	1830	27	50	77	3	5	3	3	6	1	2	0	3	2	3	105	120	89 00	52
Brookfield, 2d	Nov. 16, 1848	William A. Bushee,	.....	Licentiate.	1868	25	35	60	14	3	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	110	120	.....	68
Chelsea	April 10, 1789	W. A. James,	P.	May 1,	1867	1867	60	113	173	10	29	5	2	7	2	1	0	3	5	0	150	170	257 00	80
Pittsfield	Sept. 17, 1803	Samuel Sparhawk,	A. P.	March 19,	1839	1864	37	62	99	20	9	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	1	60	80	91 25	30
Randolph, 1st	May 30, 1786	Dana B. Bradford,	P.	June 13,	1838	1866	40	65	105	18	19	4	1	5	2	2	0	4	1	0	100	125	60 00	49
Randolph, West	Oct. 21, 1831	Samuel W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3.	1869	1868	55	102	157	50	20	5	5	10	4	3	0	7	4	0	168	147	191 66	90
Rochester	Sept. 11, 1801	Thos. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	June.	1839	1868	35	73	108	20	10	12	0	12	3	1	0	4	5	0	92	108	60 00	42
Royalton	Autumn, 1777	C. B. Drake, D. D. / James Caldwell,	P. / A. P.	Oct. 12,	1837	1837	51	91	142	45	10	0	3	3	5	3	0	8	0	0	100	150	201 37	56
Royalton, South	Jan. 16, 1868	Daniel W. Fox,	P.	Aug. 15,	1865	1868	11	21	32	1	9	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	70	14 85	36
Stockbridge	Oct. 8, 1827	Charles H. Riggs.	A. P	April 8,	1869	1869	20	43	63	2	11	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	90	100	21 56	30
Tunbridge	Feb. 5, 1792	O. S. Morris.	A. P.	July 9,	1848	1868	17	25	42	11	4	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	85	115	14 00	45
14		6 Pastors, 7 A. P.					406	731	1137	211	145	36	23	59	22	18	0	40	22	4	1163	1425	$1,110 19	654

Minister without charge—A. S. Swift, Stockbridge.

Ordained—Samuel W. Dike, Charles H. Riggs.

11. RUTLAND ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM T. HERRICK.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Benson	1790	Geo. P. Byington,	P.	Mar. 11,	1868	1868	43	94	137	26	19	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	1	115	159	$250 06	71
Brandon	Sept. 23, 1785	Franklin Tuxbury,	P.	July 15,	1857	1865	60	123	183	30	30	1	0	1	1	2	1	4	1	0	152	150	263 82	102
Castleton	1784	Lewis Francis,	P.	Feb. 18,	1863	1864	68	141	209	42	33	2	2	4	4	12	0	16	1	3	195	?	590 93	121
Chittenden																								
Clarendon	Feb. 18, 1822	Wm. T. Herrick,	P.	May 28,	1851	1861	24	39	63	8	11	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	3	114	111	288 36	67
Fairhaven	1800	Vacant.					30	45	75	0	10	0	6	6	2	4	0	6	0	0	75	150	50 00	50
Hubbardton	1782	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	Aug. 6,	1834	1864	17	31	48	1	19	13	1	14	0	0	0	0	11	0	70	80	61 74	40
Middletown	1782	Jas. C. Houghton,	A. P.	Dec. 22,	1840	1868	13	27	40	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	100	25 00	50
Pawlet	1781	Levi H. Stone,	A. P.		1834	1867	22	61	83	15	12	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	1	150	180	155 00	65
Pittsford	April 14, 1784	Myron A. Munson,	P.	May 31,	1866	1865	82	122	204	31	48	16	4	20	2	3	0	5	12	1	223	....	1,074 25	150
Poultney	1780	Vacant.					42	84	126	22	25	2	1	3	0	8	3	11	2	4	82	100	123 82	80
Rutland		Vacant.					142	297	439	104	....	6	11	17	...	13	0	13	.....	....	350	450	1,200 00	....
Rutland West	Oct. 13, 1773	Vacant.					75	128	203	25	39	11	8	19	4	6	0	10	9	0	167	200	734 22	92
Sudbury	1791	Henry F. Rustedt,	A. P.		1841	1857	9	29	38	3	19	9	2	11	2	0	0	2	5	0	50	50	54 00	35
Tinmouth	1780	Vacant.					13	34	47	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	22
Wallingford	1792	A. Walker, D D.,	P.	Dec. 30,	1840	1862	31	83	114	14	18	5	4	9	4	2	1	7	5	3	100	177	375 00	95
West Haven	1816	H. Lancashire,	A. P.	Feb. 24,	1819	1868	6	7	13	4	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	30	50	100 00	20
17		6 Pastors, 5 A. P.					677	1345	2022	345	299	70	41	111	25	58	5	88	49	18	1948	1957	$5,346 20	1060

Ministers without charge—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, Castleton; Lucius L. Tilden, Washington, D. C.; Stephen Williams' Clarendon; Willard Child, D. D., Crown Point, N. Y.; Charles Walker, D. D. Pittsford; Solomon P. Giddings, Rutland; John G. Hale, East Poultney.

Installed—Aldace Walker, D. D., Wallingford, March 10, 1869. *Deceased*—Silas Aiken, D. D., April 7, 1869.

Dismissed—Norman Seaver, D. D., Rutland, Nov. 4, 1868; John G. Hale, Poultney, Feb. 23, 1869; George L. Gleason, West Rutland, March 22, 1869; George P. Byington, Benson, May 12, 1869.

12. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM SEWALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas	ORDAINED.		Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev'l'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families
							Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Bridgewater.....		1793 Vacant.	.....	.....		....	11	30	41	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	21	30	.....	10
Hartford, 1st....		1786 Benjamin F. Ray,	P.	Mar 5,	1856	1860	65	122	187	26	50	1	6	7	0	12	0	13	0	4	327	220	$574 70	150
Quechee.....	Jan. 13,	1831 J. W. Kingsbury,	P.	Jan. 28,	1866	1866	7	39	46	3	14	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	1	70	70	81 05	50
Hartford West...	June 3,	1830 Homer Wellington,	A. P.	April,	1847	1860	26	41	67	10	21	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	100	100	50 00	60
Hartland	Sept. 6,	1799 John Q. Bittinger,	A. P.	Oct. 25,	1860	1869	12	32	44	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	30	50	18 00	....
Norwich.....	June 15,	1819 William Sewall,	P.	May 2,	1855	1865	78	153	231	35	59	6	13	19	8	7	0	15	2	0	263	233	1,175 14	220
Pomfret.....	Jan. 8,	1783 Charles Duren,	A. P.	Feb. 3,	1841	1867	15	41	56	6	15	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	137	115	27 30	45
Sharon	Sept. 11,	1782 Philetus Clark,	A. P.	Nov. 21,	1821	1858	16	37	53	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	75	100 00	44
Windsor.....	Sept. 21,	1768 Ezra H. Byington,	P.	Feb. 23,	1859	1859	62	129	191	36	63	31	7	38	5	5	0	10	25	3	192	180	412 00	120
Woodstock.....	Dec. 26,	1781 A. B. Dascomb,	P.	Jan. 16,	1862	1867	72	152	224	6	46	12	11	23	1	1	0	2	6	5	160	225	698 00	125
10		5 Pastors, 4 A. P.					364	776	1140	149	263	55	39	94	18	26	1	45	36	13	1345	1298	$3,038 39	924

Ministers without charge—Jonathan Clement, D. D., Norwich; Franklin Butler, Windsor; Aaron G. Pease, Waterbury.

13. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. Joseph Chandler.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'm s		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Bellows Falls....	Aug. 7,	1850 Cyrus Hamlin,	P.	Oct. 29,	1868	1868	19	37	56	15	9	0	1	1	1	6	0	7	0	0	85	90	$70 00	45
Brattleboro West		1770 Joseph Chandler,	P.	April 22,	1846	1845	51	93	144	17	40	6	2	8	0	9	0	9	4	5	100	200	718 06	80
Brattleboro East	July 15,	1816 Nathaniel Mighill,	P.	Sept. 29,	1864	1867	91	214	305	55	42	3	4	7	4	9	0	13	1	1	285	300	1,405 28	160
Cambridgeport..	April 16,	1868 J. C. McCollom,	P.	Mar. 23	1869	1867	20	23	43	....	11	11	10	21	0	0	0	0	10	0	85	110	13 83	50
Dover West.....	Jan. 17,	1869 John Henry Rickett	A. P.	April 15,	1835	1868	8	12	20	2	....	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	75	18 00	50
Dummerston	Aug. 18,	1779 Augustus Chandler	P.	Sept. 12,	1860	1867	30	80	110	31	16	7	0	7	1	0	0	1	5	1	80	100	119 32	90
Fayetteville.....	June 30,	1774 David Shurtleff,	A. P.		1868	1869	16	37	53	5	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	80	125	50 00	75
Grafton.....	June 20,	1785 Earl J. Ward,	P.	Mar. 11,	1868	1868	40	68	108	28	....	4	0	4	2	2	1	5	3	2	106	....	115 66	76
Halifax West....	July 24,	1778 Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	7	8	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	....
Guilford.....		1768 Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	3	9	12	2	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	....
Jamaica.....	Sept. 25,	1791 Wm. C. Bowen,	A. P.	.....	.....	1869	11	14	25	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	100	.....	32
Londonderry So.	Aug. 25,	1809 Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	13	22	35	3	6	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	65	12 50	....
Londonderry No.	Aug. 19,	1868 Matthew A. Gates,	A. P.	Sept. 2,	1858	1868	9	15	24	2	9	9	15	24	0	0	0	0	2	0	....	....	0 00	....
Marlboro.....	Oct. 20,	1776 Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	7	16	23	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0 00	15
Peru.....	Dec. 23,	1807 Asa F. Clark,	A. P.		1842	1868	54	91	145	16	31	0	4	4	1	12	0	13	0	2	120	150	.....	60
Putney.....	Oct. 16,	1776 Amos Foster,	A. P.	Mar. 2,	1825	1866	20	58	78	12	10	2	4	6	1	1	0	2	0	0	140	150	75 32	77
Saxton's River ..	Jan. 1,	1825 Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	31	68	99	31	24	0	0	0	2	4	1	7	0	0	100	100	54 20	46
Stratton.....	Aug. 30,	1801 Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	5	16	21	9	4	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	75	15 00	25
Townshend East		1792 Alanson S. Barton,	P.	Oct. 29,	1862	1867	44	82	126	15	8	3	2	5	2	2	0	4	2	1	75	140	156 00	75
Townshend West	Oct. 8,	1850 John H. Thyng,	A. P.	Oct. 26,	1852	1869	12	31	43	10	....	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	70	....	.....	59
Wardsboro.....	.....	..... Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	11	35	46	1	....	0	1	1	4	5	0	9	....	....	....	65	.....	....
Westminster E..	June 11,	1767 F. J. Fairbanks,	P.	Aug. 31,	1864	1864	25	86	111	14	20	4	1	5	2	5	0	7	3	0	186	150	82 38	106
Westminster W..	Oct. 31,	1799 Alfred Stevens,	P.	Feb. 22,	1843	1843	54	101	155	22	21	1	4	5	0	5	0	5	1	1	150	140	276 00	65
Wilmington	July 4.	1855 Edward E.Herrick,	A. P.	Feb. 25,	1864	1869	33	56	89	17	8	6	2	8	1	2	0	3	3	0	77	125	38 88	45
Windham.....	Sept. 9,	1805 Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	37	60	97	20	18	2	1	3	3	3	0	6	1	5	130	150	250 42	80
25		9 Pastors, 8 A. P.					651	1332	1983	336	293	64	53	117	30	69	2	101	36	18	1864	2460	$ 3,400 85	1302

Ministers without charge—Seth S. Arnold, Ascutneyville; William Clark, Milan, Italy; Lewis Grout, West Brattleboro.

Ordained—Cyrus Hamlin, Bellows Falls; J. C. McCollom, Cambridgeport.

Deceased—Benjamin F. Foster, Dummerston.

Dismissed—Stephen Harris, Windham.

14. WINDSOR ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. Levi H. Cobb.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors. or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. less than 30.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Chester	Oct. 27, 1773	Abijah P. Marvin,	A. P.	1844	1869	45	96	141	17	27	6	2	8	1	5	0	6	4	0	165	250	$358 30	90
Ludlow	Sept. 25, 1806	James P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 16, 1839	1867	21	60	81	28	18	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	100	110	65 00	42
Plymouth	Sept. 9, 1802	Thomas Baldwin,	A. P.	June 24, 1836	1845	7	14	21	1	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0 00	20
Springfield	Oct. 3, 1781	L. Henry Cobb,	P.	Oct. 28, 1857	1867	116	245	361	33	79	30	13	43	11	8	1	20	21	6	275	362	2,524 17	220
Weathersfield C.	1775	Joseph B. Baldwin,	A. P.	Oct. 15, 1832	1869	37	77	114	39	40	18	1	19	2	3	0	5	11	1	80	70	16 00	50
Weathersfield E.	April 11, 1838	Supp. by a Meth,	.....	.....	1868	24	28	52	4	32	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	60	0 00	30
Weston	Sept. 4, 1799	.....	.....	.....	....	14	25	39	8	5	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	75	0 00	30
7		1 Pastor, 5 A. P.				264	545	809	130	201	57	19	76	17	22	1	40	36	7	720	982	$2,963 47	482

Ministers without charge—Nelson Bishop, Windsor; S. G. Tenney, Springfield.
Dismissed—Charles Lord, Chester, April 6, 1869.

15. WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. S. Lysander Bates.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs: Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. less than 30.	Admitted: Prof.	Let'r	Total	Removed: Death	Dism	Excl.	Total	Bap'ms: Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	Numb. of Families.
Burlington, 1st..	Feb. 21, 1805	Edward H. Griffin,	P.	Feb. 6, 1868	1868	103	199	302	51	70	7	14	21	4	6	0	10	3	3	200	350	$1,058 16	160
Burlington, 3d...	Nov. 4, 1860	George B. Safford,	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1860	34	72	106	13	31	3	2	5	1	9	0	10	2	2	60	200	272 70	65
Charlotte.....	Jan. 3, 1792	Charles W. Clark,	A. P.	June 13, 1861	1861	36	87	123	12	25	25	0	25	1	0	0	1	16	0	100	125	150 00	50
Colchester.....	1804	C. M. Seaton.	A. P.	Sept. 28, 1837	1869	11	60	71	24	18	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	1	0	60	55	40 00	33
Essex.....	Oct. 3, 1791	Andrew J. Willard	A. P.	April, 1857	1867	35	63	98	13	22	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	6	2	133	100	100 00	40
Hinesburgh.....	May 20, 1789	Clark E. Ferrin,	P.	Dec. 10, 1851	1856	31	62	93	30	22	7	2	9	2	5	0	7	5	2	100	84	70 30	60
Jericho, 1st.....	Mar. 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	Mar. 29, 1860	1864	33	60	93	18	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	195	120	240 00	94
Jericho Corners.	Aug. 31, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	25	33	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	....
Milton.....	Sept. 21, 1804	Amos J. Samson,	A. P.	.....	1868	10	29	39	6	4	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	1	58	125	28 00	75
Milton West.....	Feb. 28, 1853	Amos J. Samson,	A. P.	.....	1869	8	15	23	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	60	67	.....	25
Richmond.....	Sept. 24, 1801	Eben Halley,	.....	Licentiate.	1869	8	22	30	1	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	60	70	.....	36
South Hero.....	1795	Orville G. Wheeler,	P.	Nov. 5, 1840	1840	21	56	77	7	24	10	0	10	2	0	0	2	8	1	....	100	60 00	40
Underhill.....	Dec. 27, 1801	S. Lysander Bates,	P.	Mar. 23, 1864	1864	40	46	86	19	30	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	0	1	110	85	148 25	51
Underhill North..	Dec. 19, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	3	8	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	....
Westford.....	Aug. 7, 1801	S. Parmalee, D. D.,	A. P.	.....	1868	22	61	83	17	14	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	0	130	150	135 50	....
Williston.....	Jan. 23, 1813	Joshua L. Maynard	P.	Jan., 1841	1865	34	58	92	8	30	4	2	6	3	2	0	5	2	0	200	115	140 00	48
Winooski.....	Nov. 9, 1836	Lester H. Elliot,	P.	May 2, 1866	1866	21	51	72	4	20	15	6	21	0	0	0	0	8	2	126	125	130 40	110
17		7 Pastors, 7 A. P.				458	974	1432	232	431	83	29	112	22	39	1	62	52	14	1592	1871	$2,573 31	887

Ministers without charge—John H. Worcester, D. D., James Buckham, John K. Converse, J. E. Goodrich, Henry A. P. Torrey, Burlington; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; Samuel Marsh, Eben C. Birge, Underhill; A. Fleming, Constable, N. Y.; Moses P. Parmelee, Missionary to Turkey.

Licentiates—George N. Abbott, Newbury; Edward Hungerford, Burlington.

SUMMARY.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Ministers.									Churches.				Church Members.				No. less than 30.	Admitted.			Removed.			Bapt.		Sabbath Schools.		Am't of Benevolent Contrib'ns.	No. of Families.
	Pastors.	Act'g Past'rs.	W't Charge.	Ordained and Installed.	Installed.	Ord. without Installation.	Dismissed.	Died.	Tot. Min's'rs.	Licentiates.	Whole No. of Churches.	Destitute Churches.	Net Increase of Members.	Net Decrease of Members.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.		Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Excomm'n'n.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.		Average Co...		
1. Addison	7	3	6	0	1	0	2	0	16	2	13	1	115	....	663	1186	1849	280	443	158	31	189	26	43	5	74	113	17	1558	1720	$2,728	94	968
2. Bennington	8	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	11	0	10	3	17	....	314	615	929	68	127	31	45	76	25	31	3	59	17	13	965	1039	2,334	64	573
3. Caledonia	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	14	..	13	2	8	....	562	1118	1680	381	238	60	39	99	34	57	0	91	34	24	1950	2087	10,638	23	1036
4. Lamoille	3	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	9	..	9	2	4	....	158	331	489	68	83	30	8	38	12	22	0	34	19	2	755	915	580	00	464
5. Lancaster	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	4	...	85	164	249	45	56	9	4	13	6	2	1	9	2	7	254	265	185	66	165
6. Montpelier	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	13	0	14	4	2	....	435	865	1300	301	147	25	28	53	20	31	0	51	17	19	1198	1468	1,803	14	580
7. North Western	7	5	1	...	2	....	1	0	14	..	13	1	37	....	383	728	1111	168	216	80	24	104	32	34	1	67	38	36	1151	1405	5,661	61	545
8. Orange	8	6	3	....	....	....	1	..	12	..	12	3	33	....	319	765	1084	185	256	72	14	86	18	28	2	48	44	10	1051	1373	2,287	39	718
9. Orleans	9	6	3	....	1	....	1	1	18	1	18	3	5	....	434	811	1245	219	276	36	21	57	20	32	0	52	25	21	1813	1825	1,588	08	1091
10. Royalton	6	7	1	1	1	1	0	0	14	2	14	2	19	....	406	731	1137	211	145	36	23	59	22	18	0	40	22	4	1163	1425	1,110	19	645
11. Rutland	6	5	8	0	1	0	4	1	19	0	17	6	23	....	677	1345	2022	345	299	70	41	111	25	58	5	88	49	18	1948	1857	5,346	20	1060
12. White River	5	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	10	1	49	....	364	776	1140	149	263	55	39	94	18	26	1	45	36	13	1845	1298	3,038	39	924
13. Windham	9	8	3	2	0	0	1	1	20	0	25	8	16	....	651	1332	1983	336	293	64	53	117	30	69	2	101	36	18	1864	2460	3,400	85	1302
14. Windsor	1	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	7	2	36	....	264	545	809	130	201	57	19	76	17	22	1	40	36	7	790	982	2,963	47	492
15. Winooski	7	6	10	....	....	....	....	....	23	2	17	3	50	....	458	974	1432	232	431	83	29	112	22	39	1	62	52	14	1592	1871	2,573	31	887
	80	71	55	4	6	2	11	3	206	8	196	41	423	....	6173	12286	18459	3127	3474	866	418	1284	327	512	22	861	540	223	19327	22070	$46,240	10	11439
																	134			for 6 churches not reported.											
																	Total 18593															

NOTE.—*Churches.* There are 196 churches. Eighty churches have pastors, four have pastors and acting pastors, seventy-five have acting pastors, and forty-one are supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations, or are destitute.

Ministers.—There are eighty pastors, seventy-one acting pastors, fifty-five without charge, and eight licentiates.

AIMS AND METHODS OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

An Essay Read Before the General Convention of Vermont, at Brandon, June 17, 1869.

BY REV. LEONARD TENNEY.

Our divine Lord assured his disciples that offenses must come, and that a man's foes might be those of his own household. The Apostle Paul mentioned that he had been in peril by reason of false brethren. There were eleven fallible men and one traitor among the twelve apostles. The members of the primitive churches, though most of them were doubtless saved by grace, were sanctified *in part*. Some of them proved to be ungodly men, others were always weak in the faith, liable at any time to be led away by the force of temptation, while others were more steadfast, and more influenced by a firm principle of piety, and by love to Christ.

Unhappily it is still true that offenses come in the churches, and that too large a portion of our membership are sanctified, if sanctified at all, only in part.

What, then, shall be done?

Our first inquiry is, What are the legitimate aims of church discipline? What end or result is to be sought by it?

Many persons attach an erroneous idea to the phrase "church discipline." They connect with it the belief that it is a formal process by which an individual is arraigned before a church tribunal and subjected to a formal trial. Now it seems to me that a very large portion of fraternal discipline in the church might better be expressed by "watch and care." Were there exercised by the membership towards each other the loving and jealous watch and care that ought to exist, very few offenses would remain till they must be brought before a church tribunal. These things would be arranged in private, and very few persons would know of their existence. But because brethren are unfaithful to each other these things exist and remain till they become aggravated in their nature, and known to all men. Whereas, were there a quick loving care among the brethren, the evil would be corrected in its infancy, and all things would move on harmoniously.

Now Christ is the Head of the Church. The head is perfect. The members of the Church constitute the body of which he is the head. The aims of church discipline are therefore two,—to beautify and invigorate the body of Christ.

1st. To beautify it. The body should have clean hands and a pure heart—a good outward life before men, and an excellent character before God. If any portion of the body is diseased, remedies are to be sought and applied. If it can be healed and saved, let the means of restoration be at once secured and used. Let no effort which promises success be omitted; yet if there is an ugly tumor that cannot be reduced, but is vitiating the whole system, let the dissecting knife cut it away. If the limb is in a dying state, let the surgeon remove it. The scar is not so bad as the tumor or the diseased part.

The spiritual body of Christ is to be all beauteous within and without. If the church suffer sin upon a brother; if, when it is known that he has done wrong, no effort is made to reclaim him; if it is so known as to be talked about, and complained of, that certain members of the church are guilty of wickedness, and no steps are taken to call them to account, it is like allowing a great deformity to grow on the body. It is like letting a disease remain, without attempting to arrest it. But, if, on the the contrary, the most effectual means are promptly used to correct or reform the offender; if there is earnest endeavor to save him, or if reformation is impossible in due time, to cut him off by excommunication; then the abscess which was wasting the vitality of the body of Christ is healed; then the carious limb is removed, and you will see returning the bloom of spiritual beauty.

2d. Church discipline, when properly conducted, is also adapted to promote spiritual vigor, as the lack of it leaves the membership to become weak and sickly. When every man is left to do what is right or agreeable in his own eyes, with no one to look after and watch over him, his heart is liable to become hardened through the deceitfulness of sin, and his conduct to be a departure from God's righteous requirements. But when every member of the church knows that he is sure to be called to account both for sins of omission and commission, and when, for his errors, he from time to time does feel the smart of the rod of reproof, and witness signs of fraternal love in these calls to repentance, there is in it something which not only stirs him up to love and good works, but so endows him that he becomes stronger. It was when the Lord looked on Peter, that he was stung with remorse, and wept tears of godly sorrow, and entered upon a higher Christian life. It was the discipline of that look that made the wavering, sinning apostle strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Such is not [illegible] frequently the influence of discipline in the church. It brings the [illegible]nder to repentance. And when he thus comes to himself, and rises up and returns to his Father,

he is prepared not only to be a good hired servant, but a son beloved. He renews his strength for the efficient performance of all filial duties.

If judicious discipline is not thus profitable to the offender, it will at least reveal his character, and prepare the way for his separation from the church. If to him these seem hard sayings and hard requirements; if he thus find that though he is numbered with the membership, he is not in sympathy with the work of Christ, he will somehow be developing his real character. It was so with Judas. For some reason he was numbered with the apostles three years. He was in good and regular standing with them till by a flagrant act of transgression, he convinced his brethren that he was a devil, as Jesus had already said. The apostles were stronger without him than they would have been with him. So it not unfrequently is in the church. Bad men are in it. A charity which believeth all things, and hopeth all thing, judges them worthy to enter and to remain. For some time they may not awaken any suspicion of their unworthiness. But in those seasons which try men's souls, their true spirit and character receive a development. It becomes evident that they do not love Jesus Christ and his cause. And, if, then, the church is true to them in dealing honestly with them, they will, like the dead limbs of the vine, be cut off and cast away. The vine becomes stronger and more comely by their removal.

I may further remark, church discipline should never be attempted to gratify an envious or a vindictive spirit. Anger resteth in the bosom of fools; and fools make poor disciplinarians. It is what requires the greatest warmth of brotherly kindness, and he who moves in the way of church discipline, should be exercised more by sorrow than by anger. He should sincerely desire the welfare of the offender, as well as the beauty and strength of the church.

If a man is arrogant, or ambitious, or censorious, he is unprepared to reform an erring brother. If his object be to triumph over him, or to humble him, he ought to go first and seek for himself humility before God. He must lay aside personal ambition, and sink himself in the exercise of fervent charity. And then if he seek to keep the membership from falling into sin or from remaining in it; if, to preserve them from being entangled in fatal errors of belief; if, to help them to grow in grace, and to be useful members of the household of faith, he has before him an aim or an object that is worthy of his highest ambition.

We pass next to consider the methods of church discipline. Discipline is so delicate and frequently so difficult a work that it should never be attempted without much thought and prayer. A rash, imprudent step may greatly add to the offenses of the offender, and defer the day of reconciliation.

Church discipline is not appropriately a clerical duty. Though the pastor is to be in consultation and in close sympathy with those who act

in this matter, and though he may suggest and advise, yet the processes are not to be followed out by him. Though in the pulpit and out of it, though in public, and from house to house, he is to warn every one, night and day, with tears, and strive to promote the edification of the membership, yet the disciplinary authority is not vested in him.

Church discipline should not be regarded an official duty lodged in the hands of a permanent committee. For should such a committee exist, certain members of it may not be suitable men to take the first steps in a case of discipline, while others of them may be very fit persons in a given case.

The responsibility of church discipline rests on the entire membership. As each one, if overtaken in a fault, has a right to expect this act of friendship from every one in covenant with him, so all should recognize the personal duty of attempting to restore such a one in the spirit of meekness. The faults of an erring member are not sportively to be talked of in the church by any one, but the known existence of these faults suggests the imperative duty of the whole membership. When a wound is inflicted on any portion of the human body, every other part of the body is in sympathy with the wounded part. It suffers with its sufferings, and rallies for its relief. So ought it to be in that body which is Christ's.

Hence the specific and sole directions which our divine Lord gave for the processes of church discipline. We need no rule for exceptional cases. This rule, if interpreted in a truly Christian temper, may be set down as a general principle of action; as one which shall, in substance, be our guide in all cases. We may read and use it as we do the Lord's prayer—as a fit guide in the watch and care which brethren have for each other. We are never to violate its letter or spirit. If we do really follow the rule, it will ordinarily lead to good results.

Let us now for a few moments contemplate the rule. "If thy brother trespass against thee (and whenever he is overtaken in a fault he trespasses against *thee*—against every one of the brethren—he wrongs you,) go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." If you grieve on account of his fault, go to him with a loving disposition, with earnest prayer for divine aid; and when you and he are alone, no witness being present except God, tell him just how you feel, just what you think of his conduct, and do your best to reclaim him. If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. You have not published his faults, you do not intend to publish them. Your desire is to gain him, to bring him to repentance, to restore him to Christ and the church. If you cannot thus succeed it, may be some other one will. Let each attempt it. And if all try, they will at least have done their best.

Possibly he will not hear thee. Thus far your mission has proved a failure. Do not be discouraged. Next time do not visit him alone.

"Take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." Repeat your statements to him in their presence, and let them witness the facts in the case. It may be that you all will succeed in gaining and restoring him, even if you alone could not. But you may fail in this also. He may still hold out and appear incorrigible. What else can you do? "Tell it unto the church." Summon him to appear and answer to the charges which you prefer against him. In the presence of those whom he solemnly promised to love and cherish, and in the sanctuary where he took upon him the vows of God, and sat at the sacramental supper, it may be he will come to himself and say, "I have sinned. I crave your forgiveness. I here renew my pledges of fidelity to Christ and his people."

But if it prove otherwise, if he neglect to answer to the summons, "If he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." You withdraw fellowship from him, and let him go to his own place—to the world.

If, instead of following the method which is prescribed by our Lord when a man is overtaken in a fault, the members of the church talk freely with each other and with the world, everywhere in public and in private, of the greatness of his sin, and take no private measures to reclaim and save him, they are guilty of a grievous wrong, and must answer for it, before God. But if they so love him as to be constrained by it to seek his restoration to the path of duty, by going to him privately to promote his welfare, if they speak to their Father for help, while they endeavor to bring back to Him one of His erring children, they may at least hope that what is done in weakness by them will receive His sanction and blessing.

Hence I remark, 1st, church discipline begun according to the method prescribed by our Lord, casts no stigma on any one. It does not imply the saying, "Stand by, I am holier than thou." It merely recognises the fact that one is overtaken in a fault, and he who hastens to rescue and restore the fallen, does it, knowing that he himself is liable to need similar assistance. In it he is obeying the golden rule. He does what in a change of circumstances he would like to receive. He does in this work of discipline, not only what the Lord Jesus orders him to do, but what he has sacredly engaged to do, and what he would wish to receive. It is one of the highest, noblest acts of friendliness.

2. In its intent, church discipline, conducted according to the divine rule, does not contemplate the erring brother as an impenitent man, but as one who has been overcome by the force of temptation, as one who needs assistance. Nor does it look to his separation from the church, but to his full return to the Shepherd and Bishop of his soul.

3. The relation of church membership thus becomes one of mutual benefit. We, then, that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the

weak, and not to please ourselves. Ye that are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. If in the time of your moral infirmity you would look to your brethren for help, do not now, when you are able, withhold it from those who are assailed and weakened by your common adversary. Work for them and serve them while you can, and trust that they will not forget you in the day of your defeat and misery.

4. If the badge or sign of Christian fellowship is love; if the mark or sign by which all men shall recognize the disciples of Christ is a warm, tender affection, we see how a lack of its existence, and a lack of its manifestation must weaken the salutary power of the church on the world. If men do not discover this badge; if they see no evidence that professed Christians exercise fervent charity among themselves by cheerfully doing good to those who are of the household of faith, how naturally will they say: "What do ye more than others? Ye do less for each other, than do the members of certain other organizations for their own." Men who look on recognize the fact that, "Faithful are the *wounds* of a friend;" and that often the wounds are the love tokens of a friend. Christ loves his people with an infinite affection; yet how severe is the discipline of his kingdom. He gave himself for them, that he might redeem them from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works; yet how faithful are his reproofs. How strict are his requirements, how severe are his judgments. Shall the members be willing to do less for each other? Shall they live selfishly, each one seeking his own, and leaving his brethren to suffer, and wander and perish? without expressing one token of sorrow, and without attempting to restore them to a state of Christian activity.

A member of your family is beginning to yield to temptation. You witness signs of it in his conduct. What then? Do you sportively talk about it and let him go, with no attempt to save him? Or do you wait till all the family are together, and then solemnly call him to account for his misdemeanor? Does one wait for another in such a case? Is not every one alive both to a sense of his wrong-doing, and to a wish and an effort to put him back into his proper position in the household? What would *you* do, were this erring one a member of your family? I think this is pretty nearly what you would do: You would go to him, and with all the warmth of affection, you would tell him your convictions of his fault and danger; and you would do it between yourself and him alone. You would carefully choose the fittest occasion, and use the most effective means to bring him out of the snare of the enemy. So intent would you be on saving him, that you would almost sacrifice yourself for his salvation. Will you do less for a brother for whom Christ died? Says the apostle, "We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." When you know that he has done wrong, when you say

that he has done wrong, your duty is plain. If you are not ready to suffer sin upon him, you must go to him privately, not in a formal manner to discharge a duty, but with a strong desire to gain him, and with earnest prayer and strong endeavor, to bring him to repentance. If you believe he has strayed, deal gently with him. Draw him back by love and persuasion. It is said that in such a case, a kiss is worth a thousand kicks. A kind word, a loving endeavor, is of greater power than a strong argument. If you thus approach him, he may convince you that he meant no harm, and supposed he was all the while in the path of duty. Mutual explanations may show that there exists no reason why you and he may not be fellow-helpers to the truth. It is possible he will frankly confess to you his fault, and thank you for your fidelity, and return to the paths of righteousness. It may be he will palliate his offense, and excuse himself to your face, and afterwards come to consideration, on account of your faithfulness. Again, he may be angry, and treat you roughly, because you tell him the truth. You cannot know beforehand whether shall prosper this or that, or whether all your efforts in that direction shall prove alike good. Nor need you anxiously inquire. Duty is yours. Events, results, are in the hands of God. But the duty is one of so great importance that not a day should intervene before you show by a personal interview, how concerned you are for the welfare of such a soul.

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifty-first Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at Brandon, on Wednesday, June 16th, 1869.

The Society was called to order by the President, J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. H. C. Riggs of St. Albans, a committee to nominate officers for the year ensuing was appointed, consisting of the following gentlemen, viz: Rev. A. B. Dascomb, Rev. L. H. Elliot, and J. G. Stimson, Esq.

The Treasurer's report was then read and accepted. The following is a summary of it:

Balance on hand at the beginning of the year	$3,650 85
Receipts during the year	9,706 62
Total	$13,357 47
Disbursements	10,813 40
Balance now on hand	$1,544 07

A summary of the Director's report was presented by Rev. C. S. Smith, Secretary, which was accepted.

Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. E. H. Byington, L. H. Cobb, C. B. Hulbert, P. B. Fisk, A. B. Dascomb, N. Bishop, W. T. Herrick, C. B. Cady, A. Stevens, H. F. Leavitt and F. Tuxbury.

The committee on nominations reported the following list of officers for the year ensuing, who were unanimously elected:

President—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Vice Presidents—Hon. E. P. WALTON, Hon. JOHN B. PAGE, CHARLES DANA, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Recording Secretary—Rev. LEONARD TENNEY.

Directors—Rev. HARVEY F. LEAVITT, Rev. W. H. LORD, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Rev. J. T. FORD, Rev. C. E. FER-

RIN, Rev. E. H. BYINGTON, Rev. H. N. BURTON, Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. LEWIS FRANCIS, Rev. W. A. ROBINSON.

Treasurer—C. W. STORRS, Esq.

Auditor—Hon. JOHN B. PAGE.

On motion the Society adjourned.

Attest: LEONARD TENNEY,
Recording Secretary.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

Through the favor of God, another year of opportunity has been given us to sow the good seed of the Kingdom on the hills and in the valleys of our beloved State, and to thrust in the sickle and gather from the whitening fields, some precious sheaves for the Master's use. Though the ingathering has not been as bountiful as the year previous, yet the reapers have received wages, and gathered fruit unto life eternal, so that both the sower and reaper have occasion to rejoice together.

Since our last anniversary one of the officers of this Society has been summoned from this scene of his sowing and reaping, into the presence of the Lord of the harvest, to receive his reward.

For eight years Rev. PLINY H. WHITE was a member of the Board of Directors. He took a deep interest in the feeble churches in the State, contributed liberally from his private means to sustain them, stimulated his church to do the same, and exercised a special guardianship over the weak churches in the county where he lived. A man of untiring energy—extending his activities into many widely different channels—he did worthily for the cause of Domestic Missions, and by his death the feeble churches have lost a true friend.

TREASURY.

The current receipts for the year, including the balance in the Treasury at the last anniversary, have been $12,357 47; which is about $870 00 less than was received the year previous.

The falling off has been mostly owing to a decrease in the amount received from demands and legacies.

The sum received from donations and collections in the churches is $133 42 less than was reported the year before. We have sent to the American Home Missionary Society $500. There has been given directly to the American Home Missionary Society, without passing through our treasury, $2,597 20.

The amount contributed by the Cent Societies is $775 86. This is not as large a sum as we hoped for. There has been an increase however in the number of these organizations, and we are persuaded that the Christian women of the State will more and more interest themselves in carrying on this good work.

We have paid out during the year, to carry on our work in the State, $492 91 more than we did last year, and some $606 74 more than we have received. Had it not been for surplus in the treasury at the close of last year we could not have met all our pledges.

Our increased expenses are owing to an enlargement in our work which was imperatively called for. In order to prevent any curtailment of our work, or serious loss to churches that have begun to gather strength, our receipts for the coming year must be greater than they have been for some years past.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields, occupied during the year in the Ordinary and Itinerant Departments, with brief notices of each.

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

	Churches.	Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Length of Com.	Aid pledged.	Mont's of labor performed.	Add. Hopeful convs.	Add. Profession.	Add. Letter.	Remov. Dismissals.	Remov. Deaths.	Remov. Excom.	Resid. Memb.	Male residents.	Non-residents.	Av. Congreg'n.	No. in Sab. Sch.	Contributions. Home Missions.	Contributions. Other Objects.
1	Albany	John P. Demeritt	Jan. 1, 1869	12	$200 00	5	1	1	3	0	0	0	17	6	10	60	50	.....	.....
2	Arlington and Sunderland	W. O. Baldwin / Charles Redfield	June 1, 1868 / Aug. 5, 1868	12	200 00	11	4	4	0	4	1	0	36	10	11	64	75	$15 00	.....
3	Berkshire East	Ed. W. Hatch	June 1, 1868	12	100 00	12	3	3	0	1	1	1	44	14	3	70	80	16 00	$61 70
4	Berlin West	John F. Stone	June 1, 1868	12	100 00	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	14	4	1	95	100	26 10	40 00
5	Bethel	E. E. Lewis	June 1, 1868	12	100 00	12	0	0	2	3	0	0	33	10	11	83	98	36 65	69 35
6	Bristol	A. B. Lyon	Jan. 1, 1868	12	100 00	8	20	7	3	2	0	0	76	28	11	90	109	17 00	30 00
7	Burke East	Daniel Ladd	June 1, 1868	12	175 00	9	10	5	4	5	3	0	43	16	8	60	50	10 00	17 30
8	Brownington	D. Shurtleff	Feb. 1, 1868	12	175 00	8	2	2	3	0	1	0	60	21	20	80	80	5 55	130 00
9	Cambridgeport	J. C. McCollom	June 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	6	10	10	0	0	0	42	19	0	110	90	9 35	15 73
10	Charleston West	A. C. Child	Nov. 15, 1868	9	130 00	7	0	0	2	1	0	0	49	15	7	100	60	49 61	73 00
11	Colchester	E. E. Herrick / C. M. Seaton	Jan. 1, 1868 / Jan. 1, 1869	12 / 12	100 00 / 150 00	7 / 5	.. / ..	.. / ..	.. / ..	.. / ..	.. / ..	.. / ..	.. / ..	.. / ..	.. / ..	.. / ..	.. / ..	..... /	..... / .....
12	Dorset East	F. W. Olmstead	June 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	0	1	4	0	0	0	14	3	11	80	65	16 00	25 00
13	Dover, West	J. H. Rickett	June 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	2	2	0	0	1	0	14	5	4	125	35	20 00	.....
14	Ferrisburgh	H. F. Leavitt	June 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	35	15	10	0	2	0	59	19	5	75	65	.....	40 00
15	Gaysville	C. H. Riggs	Jan. 15, 1869	12	100 00	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	59	18	4	100	94	7 65	4 56
16	Glover	S. K. B. Perkins	Aug. 15, 1868	12	150 00	12	1	5	1	1	1	0	63	19	14	139	200	20 00	29 65
17	Guildhall	James Laird	Feb. 6, 1868	12	150 00	12	3	3	4	0	2	1	75	14	18	95	70	28 68	49 60
18	Granby	Joshua Eaton	June 1, 1868	12	175 00	12	0	4	0	0	2	0	39	17	5	55	54	14 35	49 88
19	Highgate	Elam J. Comings	June 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	18	7	2	2	3	0	57	17	21	110	100	17 00	32 40
20	Holland	T. E. Ranney	June 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	10	50	40	8 50	22 28

21	Hubbardton	C. Granger	Sept. 1,	1868	12	150	00	12	20	13	1	0	0	0	47	16	1	75	60	20	00	35	00
22	Hydepark	John G. Bailey	Sept. 1,	1868	9	50	00	12	4	2	1	1	2	0	23	7	3	125	140	23	93	60	00
23	Hydepark North	John G. Bailey	Sept. 1,	1868	9	100	00	12	2	1	0	0	0	0	28	8	7	60	50	16	00	9	34
24	Jamaica	L. G. Chase	Sept. 16,	1868	12	200	00	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....		.....	
25	Londonderry	M. A. Gates	Sept. 9,	1868	12	200	00	9	1	9	3	0	0	0	22	7	2	80	90	5	00	.....	
26	Londonderry South	John H. Thyng	April 1,	1868	12	200	00	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	5	5	70	50	12	25	.....	
27	Lowell	A. A. Smith	April 1,	1868	12	200	00	12	13	5	0	0	0	0	31	15	10	90	130	30	00	4	00
28	Ludlow	J. P. Stone	July 1,	1868	12	200	00	12	0	0	0	4	2	0	53	13	28	100	100	20	00	45	00
29	Middletown	James C. Houghton	Sept. 1,	1868	12	100	00	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	9	12	90	75	25	00	.....	
30	Morrisville	John C. Houghton	June 1,	1868	12	150	00	11	1	1	0	2	4	0	75	22	17	160	125	25	00	65	00
31	Morgan	Asahel R. Gray	June 28,	1868	12	75	00	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	25	6	11	80	100	10	00	.....	
32	Newbury West	David Connell	Sept. 1,	1868	12	200	00	12	8	8	3	0	1	0	36	11	2	100	60	.....		11	00
33	Pittsfield	S. Sparhawk	April 1,	1868	12	100	00	12	3	3	0	0	1	0	79	16	20	80	60	25	00	66	25
34	Plainfield	C. M. Winch	Nov. 1,	1867	12	200	00	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....		.....	
		Horace Pratt	Nov. 8,	1868	12	150	00	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	34	9	5	60	50	.....		.....	
35	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent	June 1,	1868	12	200	00	12	4	4	0	3	1	2	42	17	19	46	45	18	00	32	31
36	Roxbury	Alden Ladd	Oct. 1,	1868	12	200	00	12	1	3	3	1	1	0	43	14	8	95	60	26	00	45	00
37	Royalton South	Daniel W. Fox	June 1,	1868	12	200	00	12	3	2	5	0	0	0	31	11	1	100	90	16	00	14	85
38	Sheldon	Geo. B. Tolman	Jan. 1,	1869	12	150	00	12	3	1	3	2	1	0	44	17	11	65	60	42	00	181	60
39	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt	Sept. 1,	1868	12	200	00	12	12	9	2	0	2	0	35	8	3	50	50	38	00	27	00
40	Troy	Daniel Goodhue	May 1,	1868	12	100	00	12	1	0	0	2	0	0	16	4	0	70	30	.....		.....	
41	Troy North	D. H. Babcock	June 14,	1868	12	175	00	12	0	1	2	0	0	0	52	16	9	100	60	8	50	12	75
42	Tunbridge	O. S. Morris	Aug. 1,	1868	12	150	00	10	2	2	1	0	2	0	30	17	17	115	85	7	00	7	00
43	Warren	R. S. Ward	Nov. 1,	1867	12	100	00	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....		.....	
44	Weathersfield Bow	P. Wallingford	June 1,	1868	12	90	00	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	9	24	60	50	.....		.....	
45	West Haven	H. Lancashire	Dec. 1,	1868	12	150	00	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	5	0	40	50	.....		.....	
46	Weston	J. W. C. Pike	Dec. 1,	1867	12	200	00	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....		.....	
47	Wolcott	Horace Herrick	April 1,	1868	12	150	00	12	1	1	0	3	0	0	40	16	9	85	60	14	00	.....	
48	Worcester	David Perry	April 1,	1868	12	125	00	10	5	4	1	0	3	0	42	10	18	70	80	25	33	60	50
49	Whitehall East	H. Lancashire	Dec. 1,	1868	12	50	00	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	7	0	40	30	.....		6	25

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. Al[illegible] .. This church, which seemed two years since to have very little hope of continuing its existence, has, with the help of citizens, built a very neat house of worship. They were supplied last summer by itinerant laborers. In January they secured the services of Mr. John P. Demeritt for a year. They now occupy their house all of the time. The descent of the Holy Spirit is greatly needed to lead those who have so freely given of their substance to build a temple to the Lord, to consecrate themselves to the service of Him who dwelleth not in temples made with hands, but with the humble and contrite in heart.

2. Arlington and Sunderland. Rev. W. O. Baldwin left one month after the commencement of the present year. Rev. O. Redfield immediately entered into his labors. The population is changing, and the pecuniary ability of the church has been lessened by deaths. The missionary finds more hope in the promises of God than in outward aspects of the community.

3. Berkshire East. The missionary reports the purchase of a bell, the introduction of an instrument of music into the church, a Sabbath School well sustained throughout the year, a few hopeful conversions, and a good degree of interest and steadfastness on the part of the church.

4. Berlin West. Rev. J. F. Stone labors here somewhat more than half of the time. There are some indications of outward prosperity. The choir has improved. The whole number connected with the Union Sabbath School exceeds one hundred, while the usual attendance is from sixty to seventy-five. A large addition has been made to the library. The absence of the Spirit's quickening influences is deplored.

5. Bethel. The place of Rev. T. H. Johnson, who left at the beginning of the year, was immediately filled by Rev. E. E. Lewis. The church is small, but united in its purpose to sustain religious institutions. It holds an important position in a thriving village. We hope, through the blessing of God, it will at no distant day receive great enlargement.

6. Bristol. Considerable religious interest has been reported from this field for two or three years past. The pastor expresses the conviction that they are disposed to rely too much upon extra effort from abroad, rather than upon a diligent and faithful use of the ordinary means of grace. No application has been received for renewed aid, and it is expected that this church will assume the entire support of its pastor.

7. Burke East. Rev. Daniel Ladd left at the close of his year in April, since which time this little church has been without preaching. Their life has for years been a constant struggle. The fruit of their labors and prayers, in the conversion of souls, has been given to others. They have become weak that others might be strong. The diminishing of them has carried spiritual wealth to other churches, other states and other lands. It is a matter of interest to the whole world that this church should continue to live. Ten hopeful conversions are reported this year.

8. Brownington. The pastor was dismissed and left at the close of his year, since which time the church has had no stated supply.

9. Cambridgeport. The Lord has greatly blessed this church since its organization. Its numbers have been doubled during the year. They have settled a pastor, and ask for fifty dollars less from the missionary society for the coming year. The pastor writes that "though young in Christ, every member of the church seems willing to work for Jesus."

10. Charleston West. After being long without a pastor, this church were happily united in settling Rev. A. C. Child, on the 19th of May. Their former parsonage has been exchanged for one more conveniently located, and slight repairs have been made on the church. The pastor reports "some members growing into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, but *all* not yet come into the unity of the faith."

11. Colchester. Rev. C. M. Seaton commenced his labors here in January, soon after Mr. Herrick left. He is supposed to be still there, but has not sent in his report.

12. Dorset East. The religious and temporal aspects of this place have changed but little during the year. The church has received a few additions, and the business some enlargement. A religious organization is certainly needed here, and there is hope that in the future there may be such growth that it will become self-sustaining.

13. Dover West. The death of a member, who contributed the largest sum toward the support of preaching, is sorely felt by this church. Their purpose, however, to sustain the institutions of the Gospel is not weakened. Having been organized but little more than a year, and located in a community needing such privileges, it is to be hoped that they will unite together more closely in holding up the banner of the Cross.

14. Ferrisburgh. The new church has been completed—furnished with furnaces, bell, carpet and reed organ—and consecrated to God. And what is more and better, a precious work of grace is reported. After giving willingly of their earthly treasures to build a house to the Most High God, many in the community have gone further and conse-

crated themselves as living stones, to be set in that spiritual temple of which Christ is the chief corner-stone.

Through the blessing of God, the earnest and faithful labors of the veteran home missionary—Rev. H. F. Leavitt—in connection with this church and their enterprise of church building, have been crowned with abundant success.

15. GAYSVILLE. For several years this church has been independent of the Missionary Society, while under the care of Rev. T. S. Hubbard. Their present minister, Rev. C. H Riggs, has been with them but a few months.

16. GLOVER. The pastor writes: "The meeting-house at West Glover—in which the Congregationalists are largely interested—has been re-built at a cost of about $1,800. An addition has been made to our Sabbath School library. Three young men are engaged in study, looking forward to the ministry, either as missionaries or preachers at home. The ordinance of infant baptism is well observed by parents connected with the church." The hope is entertained that this church will soon be self-sustaining.

17. GUILDHALL. The missionary says: "The past year has not been one of marked changes with us. We have not enjoyed the presence of the Holy Spirit in any large measure, yet the ordinances of the Gospel have been maintained, and not, we hope, without great good to many." The church has had some internal trials, which it is hoped have resulted in its increased purity. The pastor has a wide and destitute outlaying region adjoining his parish, in which he has labored as he has found opportunity.

18. GRANBY AND VICTORY. The population is scattered in these towns, and the pecuniary ability of the church is quite limited. Rev. Joshua Eaton has labored with great acceptance to the people through the year, and they hope to retain him longer.

19. HIGHGATE. The pastor rejoices in being able to report a prosperous year through the presence of God's Spirit. By reason of removals, the church is not so much enlarged as he hoped. He says: "Some who gave evidence of consecration to Christ, left the place in a few days; some joined the church in Swanton, being residents of that town, and temporarily connected with our congregation. Three young men who have gone forth from us are struggling hard for an education, that they may better serve the Master. One other case of great interest is that of a young man educated a Roman Catholic. Reading the Bible while in Montreal as a clerk, and afterwards studying it in our Sabbath-School, he has become a free man in Christ. He is now in Massachusetts. Our congregation is larger than at any previous time since I came here."

20. HOLLAND. The missionary writes: "Preaching has been maintained regularly at the church through the year. The state of the roads was such during the latter part of the winter and spring, that our meetings were very thinly attended. Our Sabbath School, during a part of the year, has been quite interesting. Several have committed and recited the shorter catechism, and have received a Bible as a reward. A portion of the year there has been preaching at a school-house in a new part of the town, once in four weeks, with encouraging attendance."

As they have no parsonage, the missionary has found it difficult to secure a house to live in, and now resides some two miles from church.

21. HUBBARDTON. For more than two years this church has enjoyed the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. Thirty-six of the forty-seven resident members have been added to it since January 1st, 1867. Nearly all of these are young or in the vigor of life. A more powerful religious influence has prevaded the town than ever was felt there before.

22. HYDEPARK. Both the church and the pastor has met with a great loss in the death of the pastor's wife. Forgetful of self, and ever ready to engage in her Lord's work, in the family and parish, her influence, like the refreshing dew, was felt by all. No essential change has occurred in the history of the church during the year.

23. HYDEPARK NORTH. It is not expected that Mr. Bailey will continue to preach here another year. It is hoped that some arrangement may be made by which they may be supplied a part of the time. There are many adverse elements in this community, and the church is pecuniarily one of the weakest in the State. They greatly need permanent religious influences, and will deeply feel the loss of Mr. Bailey's services.

24. JAMAICA. The church has been thoroughly repaired, and rededicated. Mr. Chase closed his labors in October; since then no official report has been received. It is understood that Rev. W. C. Bowen is laboring there.

25. LONDONDERRY. This church has been organized within the year. There is a small manufacturing village here, with a belt of country around that is not accommodated with church privileges elsewhere. A house of worship has been purchased and a parsonage built. Rev. M. A. Gates, who has labored with fidelity and great self-denial to aid this little church in securing their present privilege, writes: "Our meeting-house is paid for, a good warrantee deed given to the church and society, and the house insured for $600. We have laid out $80 on it for repairs, and are about to expend $50 or $75 more. Our parsonage is all done, but the barn. We moved in to it on the 10th of May. The whole expense of land, house and barn, (as we estimate the expense to finish the barn) is $1,630 at least. This includes every hour of work done, every

stick of timber furnished, every item of expense of every kind. The $1,630 is covered by a subscription by the people, except $530, and I have agreed to give them that amount by the first of September next. So their parsonage is the same as paid for. My gift requires them to fix and fence the lot of half an acre, and keep the whole in good repair always. The deed is to be drawn for the church and society, never to be alienated while the church lives. They have formally accepted my terms and the gift, so that all is in good condition here I think. The church seems as prosperous as at any past time, and they talk only of regular preaching."

26. LONDONDERRY SOUTH. The church in this village was organized in 1809. It has always been feeble. A Methodist and a Baptist church are in the same village. The Congregationalists have no church of their own, but are part owners of a house of worship with the Methodists. It is therefore difficult for them to have preaching all of the time. Rev. J. H. Thyng left at the close of his year.

27. LOWELL. The people in this town have suffered pecuniarily during the past year from a short crop of hay, and from the great depth of snow in the winter. So great was the burden of snow, that all lumbering was stopped, and the mills compelled to lie idle. This has interfered seriously with their ability to complete their parsonage. The pastor writes: "Our parsonage is going forward, notwithstanding the hindrances we have met with. The timber is mostly on the ground, the cellar dug and being stoned, and the job of putting up and completing the outside is let. We shall lack funds to finish the inside, but think we had better expend what we have. The people are behind in paying my salary, but the subscription is as good as a note of hand whenever anything can be sold to bring in money to pay it. We are hoping for better harvests the coming season. The self-denial witnessed here is very gratifying. The subscription for the support of the Gospel this year is cheerfully filled, while very few can see where the means to pay are to come from." The religious growth in the church during the year has been encouraging. We commend the case of this willing-hearted, struggling church, to all benevolent persons who take pleasure in helping those who for Christ's sake are bearing heavy burdens. To complete their parsonage, they will need the assistance of some kind friends.

28. LUDLOW. The prospects of this church do not brighten. They need a new house of worship, or to move their old one to a better locality and thoroughly repair it. They do not feel able to take this step. It is feared that there is not all the devotion, self-denial and enterprise, in those favoring Congregational principles, that there should be, and that is needful for success. A church that receives liberal aid from other churches, to enable it to sustain religious institutions, should feel that

it is thereby placed under new obligation to do manfully what it can for itself, and see that no loss is incurred by any neglect or want of efficiency on its part.

29. MIDDLETOWN. Rev. James C. Houghton commenced his labors here in September. The church has suffered in the past for the want of permanent religious influences. A Young Men's Christian Association exists in the place, which is exerting a good influence. The recent discovery of mineral springs in the town has attracted many persons there. The missionary reports an increased disregard of the Sabbath, as a result of the influx of strangers.

30. MORRISVILLE. The missionary left at the close of his year, June 1. The church remains outwardly much as a year ago.

31. MORGAN has enjoyed the services of Rev. A. R. Gray, h lf of the time, for another year. He reports: "An increase in the average attendance. Two weekly prayer-meetings have been maintained at the Corner through the year, a prayer-meeting and Sabbath School at the Beach, five miles away, and a Sabbath School most of the time on the Plain, six miles away. We are hoping for valuable accessions to our church at our next communion. The prospects of the church are more encouraging than for many years past."

32. NEWBURY WEST. An important event in the year's history of this little church has been the providing of a parsonage. The pastor reports eight hopeful conversions, and general harmony as existing in the church.

33. PITTSFIELD. This church is still favored with the services of Rev. S. Sparhawk. Though its growth is slow, the precious influences of the Gospel are brought to bear upon many hearts, and the seed of the kingdom brings forth some fruit to the glory of God.

34. PLAINFIELD. Mr. Winch closed his labors with this church in November, to become a county missionary. He was immediately succeeded by Rev. Horace Pratt. A son of this church has just commenced the work of the ministry.

35. RIPTON. The beacon light of the Gospel has been kept burning during another year on this mountain height. The pastor writes, "Two of our members are looking forward to the ministry; one to graduate from Andover this year, the other about ready for college. There has been some reviving, and four have joined the church by profession. Our meeting house debt is a serious encumbrance, though we are trying to meet it, and have some hope that by the end of another year it will be substantially cancelled. Our members, some of them at least, are deeply sensible of their obligation to the Missionary Society for the aid extended

to them; and in this I heartily join. Should our hopes be realized in the removal of the debt on the meeting house, it is probably the last time they will ask help to so large an amount.

36. ROXBURY. No change of importance has taken place in this church. The labors of the pastor have been somewhat interrupted by the meeting house's being used a part of the time by another denomination.

37. ROYALTON SOUTH. This little church, which is but a year and a half old, has built and finished a very neat house of worship, dedicated it to the service of God, and settled a pastor. They have incurred something of a debt. A few kind friends have rendered them substantial aid. They still need the help of liberal hearted persons to relieve them from the burden of a debt.

38. SHELDON. We regret to learn that Rev. G. B. Tolman—the pastor of this church for seven years past—is about to leave them. He writes: "In looking over recently the benevolent contributions of this church for the last thirteen years, I find the total to be $2,231 14, or an average of $171 54 a year—more, I suppose, than they have ever received of aid from the society any year during that time. Nineteen have united with the church by profession during the past seven years, and results for good, in other directions, I cannot but hope, have been in some measure realized. Some seed has been sown which is yet to spring up and bear fruit. They have been years with me of the beginning of life's work,—years that will hold a place in memory such as no others can have."

39. SUDBURY. The desert has been made to rejoice. A long period of barrenness is followed by the promise of a fruitful season. The pastor writes: "The year now closing has been the most hopeful in conversions, and additions to our church of the last seven. This church has been visited by God's Holy Spirit, and strengthened by additions. Our prayer-meetings have increased in number and interest. The tone of piety is improved, and I think the pressure of outside, adverse influences less affects us. Our best friends say: "It is many years since Sudbury was in so promising a position." The attendance upon public worship has improved. The Sabbath School has been much revived, and the library received an addition of seventy-five volumes. A subscription is in circulation for painting the meeting-house.

40. TROY. Rev. D. Goodhue has labored with this church with great acceptance half of the time through the year. The congregation is increasing, and in some respects their prospects seem more hopeful.

41. TROY NORTH. This important field is again left destitute by the closing of Mr. Babcock's labors there. A bell has been purchased, and the missionary reports an increase of union and harmony in the church.

42. TUNBRIDGE. After several months of destitution, this church secured the services of Rev. O. S. Morris, in whom they are well united.

43. WARREN. No report has been received from this field since Mr. Ward left in November last.

44. WEATHERSFIELD BOW. Since this church was so unfortunate as to lose the services of Rev. G. H. White, they have not had a regular minister for any length of time. They have suffered serious pecuniary losses within the past two years, which greatly weaken their ability to support preaching. The money paid them by the Missionary Society, was left for that special purpose by the late Major Charles Jarvis.

45. WEST HAVEN. This church has been very fortunate in securing the services of Rev. H. Lancashire, for half of the time, for a year. It is the first time they have been favored with preaching through the year for a long time.

46. WESTON. The prospects of this church—never strong—are far from encouraging. They have been without preaching since December last, and are so few and feeble that there seems to be little prospect of their being able to sustain preaching all of the time.

46. WOLCOTT. There has been but little change in the condition of this church for several years. It was hoped that the increase of business in the village might add some strength to the church and society. This expectation has not been realized.

48. WORCESTER. This church has lost its minister during the year, and is now destitute, and quite weak. The religious condition of the church and society has been better the past year than for some years previous.

49. WHITEHALL EAST. This little church—just in the borders of N. Y.—has for many years been cared for by this society, and is now rejoicing with West Haven in the labors of Rev. H. Lancashire, on every alternate Sabbath.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

Fields and Missionaries.	Began.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Am'ts to be paid. By the people.	Am'ts to be paid. By the society.	Am'ts to be paid. Total.	Aver. Congregation.	No. in Sab. School.
1. ALBANY								95	50
H. Kingsbury	June 3, 1868	13	$7 00	$10 85	$100 00		$101 85		
B. B. Parsons	Nov. 5, 1868	8							
2. BRIDGEWATER								55	20
J. W. Hartshorn	May 28, 1868	13	7 00	7 00	10 50	87 50	98 00		
R. S. Underwood	Nov. 1, 1868	7							
E. A. Reed	May 14, 1869	3	7 00						
3. CANAAN								50	25
Charles S. Walker	Mar. 29, 1869	6	7 60	9 30	2 10		51 30		
4. CHITTENDEN									
Charles R. Strong	May 15, 1868	9	7 00	4 05	68 50		67 05		
George A. Hood	Aug. 7, 1868	7	7 00	7 72	18 00	38 72	56 72		
5. CORINTH									
Caleb M. Winch	Nov., 1868	15							
5. DUXBURY								55	35
A. A. Bookstaver	May 15, 1868	12	7 00	5 00	35 88	53 12	89 00		
7. ORANGE								80	
Caleb M. Winch	Nov., 1868	18							
8. MIDDLESEX									
J. F. Stone	June, 1868	3							
9. MONTGOMERY C'TR								55	30
E. C. Starr	May 22, 1868	12	7 00	11 50	49 50	46 00	95 50		
10. PLYMOUTH								45	20
E. N. Bartlett	June 12, 1868	14	7 00	7 50	12 00	83 50	105 50		
E. P. Eastman	Sept., 1868	5	7 00	7 00		42 00	42 00		
11. RICHMOND								90	40
George Wood	May 21, 1868	3	7 00	7 35		28 35	28 35		
12. SIMONSVILLE								50	16
Henry P. Collin	May 21, 1868	12	7 00	5 40	9 75		89 40		
William B. Cary	May 19, 1869	2	7 00						
13. SHERBURN								75	40
W. R. Parsons	Oct. 6, 1868	12	7 00			50 00	82 00		
14. STANNARD									
S. F. Drew	May 9, 1869	1							
15. STRATTON								70	50
Anselm B. Brown	May 29, 1868	8	7 00	5 80	5 00		66 80		
Arthur H. Smith	Aug. 8, 1868	9	7 00	8 25	11 00	81 45	92 45		
16. STOWE WEST								50	40
Charles S. Walker	May 28, 1868	13	7 00	7 95	14 15	84 80	98 95		
17. WASHINGTON									
Caleb M. Winch									
18. WEST HAVEN								60	45
J. M. Hunting	May 8, 1868	12	7 00	3 00	87 00		87 00		
19. WHITEHALL EAST								65	30
S. D. Williams	May 8, 1868	14	7 00	3 00	17 00	24 00	101 00		

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ALBANY.—*See under Ordinary Department.*

2. BRIDGEWATER was supplied through the most of last summer and fall with preaching. Rev. R. S. Underwood held meetings daily for nearly seven weeks, in November and December. What the abiding results are, we do not know. This place should be supplied with preaching through the year.

3. CANAAN. A laborer was sent into this town for the first time this spring. He was kindly received. The people have nearly completed a little house of worship in the south part of the town. The destitution of religious privileges in the northern part of Essex County, is very great.

4. CHITTENDEN. The religious condition of this town does not seem to improve. The church diminishes, and the interest in having preaching a part of the year is not as strong as it was a few years ago. The future of the town cannot be said to be hopeful.

5. CORINTH. Those connected with the Congregational church are scattered over the whole town. Though they have considerable pecuniary ability, there has been a want of earnest purpose and determination to secure for themselves and their families the continued preaching of the Word. As they were living on from month to month with no meetings, it was thought best to let the county missionary labor with them for a while. Accordingly, Mr. Winch preached to them half of the time through the winter. There is no reason why this church may not have a pastor, if they will make the necessary persevering efforts to secure and sustain one.

6. DUXBURY. A student supplied the people in this town with preaching last summer. There are a few here who prize the means of grace. The church is very small, and has somewhat diminished the past year by removals. They are without preaching this summer.

7. ORANGE. Many years ago there was a Congregational church here, but for some cause, it became extinct. The people have had no regular preaching for any great length of time for several years. Occasionally they have been supplied by students for a few months. The Methodists have at times furnished them a preacher for a season. Since the county missionary has commenced laboring here, a good congregation has been gathered. A strong desire has been expressed to have permanent preaching

8. MIDDLESEX. The Congregational church can hardly be said to keep up its organization. Rev. J. F. Stone has spent a few Sabbaths there, preaching to those who retain a love for the church in which they were brought up. Mr. Stone donated his services to the society.

9. MONTGOMERY CENTER. There are a few earnest Christians connected with this church who maintain a prayer-meeting. The pastor, Rev. S. Paine, has for several years been unable to preach, but is much of the time able to meet with his little flock for prayer. They are at present supplied by a student.

10. PLYMOUTH. A slow growth is perceptible in this town in religious things. A few earnest, praying souls will secure spiritual blessings to any place. This town is favored with some such waiting and working ones. The gain which has already been secured is a great encouragement to continued effort. A student is now at work there.

11. RICHMOND. A student labored here for a short time while they were destitute. They are now supplied with preaching without any expense to the Missionary Society.

12. SIMONSVILLE. The earnest petitions which have come from one or two praying souls have encouraged us to continue to supply them with preaching a part of the year. Spiritualism and that form of infidelity which follows in its train has a strong hold on the community. A few souls here, it is believed, have, through the labors of students, been brought from darkness into God's marvelous light.

13. SHERBURNE. A call came from this town for a laborer last fall. It lies close under the Green Mountains. A number of Christians of different denominations dwell here. There has been no stated preaching for a long time. A young man labored there for about three months last fall. A good congregation assembled, and it seems very desirable that they should be regularly supplied with the means of grace.

14. STANNARD. Rev. S. F. Drew donated a Sabbath's services to this place this spring. There is no Congregational church in the town. The people live scattered, but manifest great interest in having preaching.

15. STRATTON. This little church has been kept alive for years by itinerant laborers. There has been nothing of interest to record in their history during the year.

16. STOWE WEST. This is a distant out-station of the church in Stowe. The labor bestowed here it is believed has helped to strengthen religious influences in the town. No missionary has been sent there this season.

17. WASHINGTON. Rev. Messrs. James of Chelsea and Burton of Newbury performed some missionary work in South Washington during the fall, that resulted in the awakening of considerable religious interest, and in the hopeful conversion of several souls. Rev. C. M. Winch has bestowed some labor at the "Flats." The Congregational church is very feeble, and has not kept up meetings for some years.

18 AND 19. WEST HAVEN AND EAST WHITEHALL. (*See under Ordinary Department.*)

SUMMARY.

IN THE ORDINARY DEPARTMENT,

Aid has been given to forty-nine churches. This is six more than were assisted last year, and the largest number we have had on our roll for many years. Fifty-two laborers have been employed, some part of the year, performing thirty-nine years of service. Twelve of these are pastors. A change of ministers has taken place in eleven churches. Four of them are now unsupplied.

The churches that have applied for aid during the year are those in Albany, Gaysville, West Haven, East Whitehall, South Royalton, Londonderry and West Dover. The last three have been newly organized.

The church in South Royalton is located in a growing village, and meets a want that has long been felt there. Both the church and congregation were made up from material unconnected with any Congregational church in the vicinity. They have built a neat house of worship, settled a pastor, and exhibited a liberality and enterprise worthy of all imitation.

The church organized last fall at Londonderry is the only one in the village. They have purchased a comfortable house of worship, formerly occupied by another denomination, and nearly completed a parsonage. They have Rev. M. A. Gates for their minister.

The new church in West Dover is also the only one in that village. The religious history of that town is singular. Some years ago there

were three or four evangelical churches in the town. One of them Congregational. They were, however, induced to give up their denominational creeds and organizations, and unite in forming two union churches, with no creed but the Bible, one at the Center and the other at the West village. In doing this many seemed to give up not only their denominational peculiarities, but gradually their hold on fundamental truth. These churches virtually formed a new denomination; were not in sympathy with any existing churches in the county, and after a waning and painful existence of some years ceased to have even a name to live. The newly organized Congregational church at the West village seems to have been the offspring of a desire for something better and more stable than they have had for years. It is religiously the hope of the town and embraces the lovers of evangelical truth.

On the elevated plain at the center of the town there are two churches rotting down—one of them past occupancy—the monuments of a departed faith, and of a withdrawn Shechinah. With that strange attraction which deserted churches everywhere have for false teachers, who bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, these buildings—or the only one that is tenantable—is from time to time the resort of every wandering apostle of error who goes to and fro in the earth and walks up and down in it. The result of such a state of things may be traced in all that pertains to the outer and inner life of the community. There is nothing more striking than the evidences of blight, affecting all the best interests of society that are visible in communities, that, not liking to retain God in their knowledge, abandon public worship, neglect the Sabbath, let the house of God go to decay, and give audience to every wild and pernicious delusion with which the adversary carries unstable souls captive.

The beauty of our fair State is marred by too many such dark spots. The sight of them ought to stimulate every feeble church to hold fast to the end, and never cease laboring to strengthen the things that remain.

RELIGIOUS GROWTH.

The hallowed presence of the Spirit, which was vouchsafed to so many of our missionary churches a year ago, has lingered with some of them through the last twelve months.

Four churches that have received aid through the year report no additions or conversions, viz: Holland, Plainfield, Weathersfield Bow and Ludlow. Five others that have been aided during a part of the year make a similar report.

The whole number of conversions given in thirty churches is one hundred and eighty-nine. The additions have been two hundred and one—

one hundred and thirty-one by profession, and seventy-one by letter. The losses by dismissions, deaths and excommunications, have been eighty-four, leaving a net increase of one hundred and seventeen.

The church in Ferrisburgh has enjoyed the most abundant spiritual blessing. The acting pastor, Rev. H. F Leavett writes: "God has given us spiritual blessings beyond measure and above price. He has poured his Spirit upon us, reclaimed backsliders, quickened all his people, and convicted and converted many impenitent sinners, chiefly among our young people, married and unmarried. He has brought in that class particularly who have volunteered to give liberally to build God's house. One man eighty years old, only a sojourner in our neighborhood for a little time, is among the converts. We are constrained to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" and to say, "Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy great and holy name be all the praise and all the glory."

The churches in Lowell, Hubbardton, Bristol and Cambridgeport, report a continuance of spiritual blessings.

The church in Highgate has been cheered by mercy drops; and the church in Sudbury, which has seemed for several years to be growing more feeble, has been visited of God, and received some new life and strength.

SELF-HELP.

As the missionary churches are in part sustained by the bounties of others, it is a matter of interest to know what they are doing for themselves. During the last year, forty-nine churches—seven of which have had preaching only half of the time—have raised among themselves for the support of preaching, $18,930 00, besides paying the incidental expenses of their parishes.

The average amount raised by the forty-two churches, which have had preaching all the time, for the support of their ministers, is $416 50 each. The average salary of the missionaries, laboring in these churches is $589 50. The amount raised by them for building and repairing churches and parsonages, as near as can be ascertained from the imperfect reports returned, is about $10,000.

With a few exceptions, these churches have raised more than one hundred and twenty-five per cent on their grand lists for the support of preaching. Some of them have raised two hundred, and a few three hundred per cent, and that, too, while paying largely for church-building.

While in some of these churches there are, as everywhere, individuals of an illiberal spirit, who are willing that their brethren should bear burdens which they ought to help share, yet it is a fact that there are

in them many self-denying souls who give with a largeness of heart entirely unknown in our stronger churches. Those who relatively give the most, for the building up of Christ's cause in the State, must be looked for among the humble members of our feeble churches. Though their self-denials and liberal offerings are unheralded to the world, their names are all known to Him who sitteth over against the treasury.

HELPING OTHERS.

But the missionary churches have not confined their benefactions to themselves. Knowing something of the blessedness of sympathy and help, they have stretched out their willing hands to succor others. They have contributed to the cause of domestic missions $744 35, and to other benevolent objects $1,368 35, making a total of $2,112 70 given by them to extend the blessings of the gospel to others. The pastor of one of these churches writes: "During the past thirteen years this church has given to benevolent objects $2,231 14, an average of $171 54 a year. For the last five years an average of over $200 a year." This church has received from the Domestic Missionary Society, during the thirteen years, $1,400, which is $831 14 less than has been given by them in the same time to others. It is worth while to keep such a church alive for the blessings it confers upon the world.

The gifts of these missionary churches are not all of a pecuniary character. One young man who was born and trained in a missionary church, has just finished his theological studies and entered the pastorate of a church in Massachusetts. Ten others are pursuing a course of study with reference to the ministry. As of old, Christ calls many of his ministers from those in the humble walks of life.

IN THE ITINERANT DEPARTMENT,

Fewer laborers have been employed than usual. This is owing partly to a change in the spring vacation at Andover, and partly to the great depth of the snow last spring, rendering it inexpedient to attempt work in many places at that season of the year.

Twenty-six laborers have been employed, performing two hundred and thirty-five weeks of service, in nineteen different fields. Five others have entered upon their work since the first of this month. Fifteen hopeful conversions have been reported.

The church in Albany, which was supplied last summer by students, has secured the services of Mr. J. P. Demeritt, and is transferred to the Ordinary Department. The churches in West Haven and East Whitehall, within four miles of each other, which have long been kept alive by itinerant laborers, have found a better way, and engaged a minister of

experience to preach to them alternately for the year, and are transferred to the Ordinary Department.

COUNTY MISSIONARIES.

In the early part of last fall two persons were engaged to labor, for a year each, as county missionaries in Orange and Windsor Counties.

Rev. C. M. Winch commenced his work in November, and has continued it to the present time. His efforts have been chiefly directed to Orange, Washington and Corinth. As nearly the whole town of Orange was without religious privileges, and the people there manifested a strong desire to have some regular religious services, it was thought best for the missionary to supply them every other Sabbath through the winter, holding a third service in Washington on the same day when practicable. A good congregation has been gathered, a Sabbath school sustained, and the people have manifested great pleasure in their new privileges. There is a prospect that a church will soon be organized there. They propose to pay $300 00 if the arrangement can continue through the year.

As the church in Corinth had been without preaching for nearly a year, and were making no efforts to secure any, it was thought expedient for Mr. Winch to labor with them a part of the time to save them from further decay, and to stir them up to seek a pastor. The result has not been all that was hoped for, for they have been so well satisfied with the missionary's labors that they have manifested no desire for another man. There are several other places in the county that need the labors of a missionary, such as Braintree, and Vershire, and Snowsville. It is hoped that by finding a minister for Corinth, Mr. Winch may be relieved from that post so as to devote some of his time to other fields.

Rev. Rufus S. Underwood, who was well recommended as an able and energetic man, well adapted to the work of a county missionary, and who had had some experience in Massachusetts, commenced work in Bridgewater the first of November. He had been employed considerably as an evangelist, laboring with different churches with direct reference to immediate results in securing revivals. It was a kind of work which he liked, and for which he thought himself especially adapted. The plan of labor which he proposed after coming on to the ground, was to go into a town, hold meetings every day, and bend all his energies to awaken a religious interest in the community and bring men to Christ; then to leave that place, have no further responsibility for its spiritual culture, but go to another field and pursue the same course there, and so on.

He had his greatest success, to use his own language, "in a hand to hand contest with sinners." He felt unwilling "to scatter his labors" over several fields at once.

After carefully considering the matter, it was not deemed wise for the Missionary Society to employ any one to work as he proposed, in localities where the people needed, most of all, thorough instruction in divine truth. Moreover, if good were accomplished in any place, there would be danger of its all being lost for the want of some one to follow up the work with faithful, patient instruction.

As Mr. Underwood preferred not to continue his labor, unless he was permitted to follow his own plan, he left after a few weeks of effort at Bridgewater.

To show the need of county missionary work in some parts of the State, and also a method by which, in some localities, it may be prosecuted with the hope of good, we give an extract from a letter received in February by the Secretary, from Rev. J. Laird, pastor of the church in Guildhall, who has directed his efforts to the regions beyond his own parish, and performed a voluntary missionary work in some of the needy districts around him.

Mr. Laird writes: "Last month I visited a large portion of the town of Maidstone—every family in the valley of the Connecticut, for eight miles from this point. My method is to start from home early in the afternoon, call upon every family I can in the neighborhood, converse with each member, so far as practicable, on the subject of religion, and hold a meeting in the evening. A few facts which have come under my observation in these visits may interest you as revealing the moral destitution of the whole county of Essex north of us. One day I went up the valley eight miles, called upon a family, and then turned toward home and called at each house until I had made six visits. In these six families I found twenty-nine children and youth, and fourteen adults—forty-three souls in all. Of the whole number, there is but one old lady who claims to be a Christian, and she has never made a profession of religion. Not one praying person was at our evening meeting.

In another part of Maidstone, I visited four families in the afternoon. At our evening meeting, held at a private house, there were twenty-two present, but not one who could pray. *Three* were in former years professors, but have long neglected all the duties of the Christian.

The town of Brunswick presents, I am told, if possible, a darker picture. A lady who taught school last summer, in one of the districts of the town, tells me that many of the children had never heard of the ten commandments or the Lord's prayer. I do not know what is to be done for these benighted people. I wish that some layman, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, might be found who would go up and down through this county, and preach Christ to the people at their homes. This is the only way they can be reached. Frequent visitations, by one whose heart was full of Christ, would doubtless be blessed to some souls. Un-

less at Island Pond, there is not a Sabbath School north of us to Canada line, a distance of forty miles."

Since this was received, a student has been sent to labor for the summer in that region.

The religious destitution and need of missionary labor in Vermont, which this account reveals to us, ought to humble and stimulate us to do more fully and faithfully the work God has given us. Though probably no other tract of equal extent can be found in the State in so sad a condition as the northern part of Essex County, yet there are scattered over the State, in the different counties, single towns that present all the dark features of Maidstone and Brunswick.

During the past winter, the Secretary visited two towns, lying side by side, in Addison County, in each of which there were once Congregational churches, where very few persons can now be found calling themselves Christians, and where there has been only an occasional sermon preached by any evangelical minister for nearly three years. Spiritualism, and those kindred delusions that undermine all faith in the Bible, were rampant. So satisfied were the people with their condition, that no one could be found who was willing to guarantee board to a student, if one should be sent there to preach Christ.

In another town in the southern part of the State, the moral sense of the community has become so demoralized that, on almost every pleasant Sabbath last summer, a large company of men and boys met together, on an elevated plain just outside the village, to play base ball, where they had a congregation of from fifty to a hundred spectators.

There are quite a number of towns skirting the Green Mountains, where the population is scattered and many of the people poor, in which they have almost no religious privileges. Into some of these we have, from time to time, sent students for a few weeks or months in the summer.

We see no way to meet the wants of such places except by county missionaries going from house to house, talking with the people on religious subjects, gathering them together for prayer and instruction in private houses, school houses, and churches where they have them, and to follow up this method.

To do this work much patience and self-denial will be requisite. No rapid and astonishing results can be expected in such fields. But the seed cast upon these barrens, and in the gravelly soil of these mountain slopes, will some of it take root downward and bear fruit to the glory of God. The hope of reclaiming even one soul ought to be enough to encourage us to enter upon the work.

It belong to us, as the disciples of Him who was annointed to preach the gospel to the poor, and who did it by going from house to house,

and from town to town, to provide an agency adequate to the wants of every poor town and every variety of field that exists in the State. If the wants of some places cannot be met by settled pastors preaching in one church every Sabbath, let us, in imitation of our Master, adapt our methods of labor to the necessities and conditions of the communities we wish to reach.

If, as was suggested by Mr. Laird, some laymen could be found of intelligence and good judgment, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, who would consecrate themselves to this work, who can estimate the good they might do! What labor spent in tilling the soil, in the arts, or in trade, would bring such a revenue of glory to God, as a life spent in searching out and guiding neglected souls to Christ?

Are there no laymen in our Vermont churches who are willing to follow the Master in this way, and accept the honor of being pioneers in so blessed a cause?

FOR THE DIRECTORS.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary*.

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 12, 1869.

ADDISON COUNTY.	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
BRIDPORT—Church and society, May 17	$29 00	$	$	$
BRISTOL—Church and society, Feb. 5	16 25			
CORNWALL—Church and society, March 24, $51 00; April 4, $8 25; May 20, Cent Society, $31 55	59 25		31 55	
FERRISBURGH—June 16, Cent Society			5 25	
MIDDLEBURY—Oct, 20, Cent Society, $79 10			79 10	
Jan. 28, Gentlemen, $54 20.	54 20			
NEW HAVEN—Church and society, July 13	70 00			
ORWELL—Church and society, March 18	62 71			
RIPTON—Church and society, Dec. 14	18 00			
SHOREHAM—Church and society, Feb. 25	25 00			
VERGENNES—Church and society, March 29	51 60			
WEYBRIDGE—Church and society, June 1	47 48			
BENNINGTON COUNTY.				
ARLINGTON EAST—Church and society, Dec. 8	15 00			
BENNINGTON CENTER—Church and society, Oct. 21	60 24			
BENNINGTON EAST—Church and society, Oct. 19	42 58			
DORSET—Church and society, Nov. 19, $30 00; Jan. 2, $10 00	40 00			
DORSET EAST—Church and society, June 8	16 00			
MANCHESTER—Church and society, Nov. 27	45 00			
RUPERT—Church and society, Nov. 15	26 00			
CALEDONIA COUNTY.				
BARNET—Church and society, Aug. 11, $70 00; of which from L. D. and L. T. Hazen $40 00 to constitute Rev. L. S. Watts a Life Member of the A. H. M. S	70 00			
BURKE EAST—Church and society, May 26	10 00			
DANVILLE—Church and society, May 3, $7 56; Sabbath School, $1 15; Church and society, June 8, $7 35	16 06			
HARDWICK—Church and society, May 19	39 00			
LYNDON—Church and society, March 24, $13 75; April 8, $13 96	26 71			
McINDOES FALLS—June 16, Cent Society			8 00	
PEACHAM—April 4, Miss A. Fisk	8 00			
ST. JOHNSBURY—North Church and society, September, $37 25; March 16, $3 10 7; Cent Society, June 15, $0 20; May 11, $36 00	68 32		36 20	
April 9, Horace Fairbanks, Esq		250 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY—South Church and society, Aug. 7, $33 14; Oct. 6, $54 39; Dec. 8, $53 60; April 10, $31 25; June 8, Cent Society, $19 50	171 38		19 50	
May 20, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq		500 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY—March 16, E. & T. Fairbanks & Co	1000 00			
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church and society, June 16	50 00			

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.				
BURLINGTON—1st church and society, July 11, $198 00; June 1, J. W. Hickok, $100 00	$198 00	$100 00	$	$
BURLINGTON—3d church and society, Feb. 9	66 24			
CHARLOTTE—Church and society, Dec. 27	22 55			
COLCHESTER—Church and society, April 30	20 00			
JERICHO CENTER—Church and society, June 11, $31 25; Cent Society, $10 00	31 25		10 00	
HINESBURGH—Church and society, June 16	20 00			
UNDERHILL—Church and society, June 12	15 00			
WESTFORD—Aug. 24, Cent Society, $1 50; May 12, church and society, $23 00	25 00		1 50	
WILLISTON—Church and society, June 1	26 75			
WINOOSKI—Church and society, Jan. 30, $20 10; Feb. 28, $4 00	24 10			
ESSEX COUNTY.				
GRANBY—Church and society, June 2	14 35			
GUILDHALL—Church and society, Aug. 1, $14 00; Nov. 6, $8 97; Feb. 5, $5 61	28 58			
LUNENBURGH—Church and society, January	8 00			
FRANKLIN COUNTY.				
BAKERSFIELD—Church and society, March 24	11 00			
BERKSHIRE EAST—Church and society, May 4	16 00			
ENOSBURGH—Church and society, June 15, $51 00; Jan. 4, $32 00	83 00			
FAIRFIELD—Church and society, April 7	20 00			
GEORGIA—Church and society, March 24	20 00			
HIGHGATE—Church and society, May 24	17 00			
MONTGOMERY—Church and society, Sept. 11				49 50
SHELDON—Church and Society, April 26	43 00			
ST. ALBANS—June 15, lady, $9 25; Cent Society, $55 00			65 25	
SWANTON—Sept. 19. Cent Society, $11 10; April 12, church and society, $27 19	27 19		11 10	
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE	11 41			
LAMOILLE COUNTY.				
HYDEPARK—Church and society, Sept. 11	23 50			
HYDEPARK NORTH—Church and society, May 24	16 00			
MORRISVILLE—Church and society, March 24, $20 50; May 7, $5 00	25 50			
STOWE—Church and society, March 24, $20 00; May 18, Cent Society, $26 63	20 00		26 63	
STOWE WEST—Sept. 30				14 15
WATERVILLE—Feb. 5, a friend, $5 00; March 24, $5 00		10 00		
WOLCOTT—Church and society, June 20, $4 00; June 5, $14 00	18 00			
ORANGE COUNTY.				
BRADFORD—May 29, Cent Society			38 48	
BROOKFIELD—2d church and society, Nov. 19	8 35			
CHELSEA—Church and society, May 7, to constitute Jacob Church a Life Member of A. H. M. S	40 80			
CORINTH—Church and society, May 8				54 00
NEWBURY—Church and society, June 20, $18 00; Aug. 17, $30 00; Dea. F. Keys, $100 00; Cent Society, $30 00; Jan. 26, P. W. Ladd, $5 00; April 14, church and society, $10 40	63 40	100 00	20 00	
NEWBURY WEST—Church and society, June 15	15 50			
POST MILLS—June 15, Cent Society, $33 15; May 31, $21 35.			54 50	
RANDOLPH CENTER—Church and society, Dec. 31	7 25			
RANDOLPH WEST—Church and society, Aug. 10, $33 28; Sept. 10, $14 00	37 28			
THETFORD—Church and society, Jan. 20	115 04			
TUNBRIDGE—Church and society, May 7	7 00			
WELLS RIVER—Church and society, Nov. 16, to constitute Miss Mary Baldwin and Miss Lucia Leslie Life Members of A. H. M. S	60 00			
WILLIAMSTOWN—Church and society, June 10	10 07			

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
ORLEANS COUNTY.				
ALBANY—Church and society, Sept. 15	$	$	$	$100 00
BROWNINGTON—Church and society, June 4	5 55			
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and society, April 21, $35 00; May 25, $3 50; Cent Society, $10 86	38 50		10 86	
COVENTRY—Church and society, March 24, $26 00; P. H. W. $14 00, to constitute James G. Gorham and Mrs. H. F. Gorham Life Members; June 1, Cent Society, $15 10	40 00		15 10	
CRAFTSBURY—Jan. 10, Cent Society			17 56	
GLOVER—Church and society, Aug. 19, $10 20; June 4, $20 00	30 20			
GREENSBORO—Church and society, May 21	22 00			
HOLLAND—Church and society, June 8	8 50			
IRASBURGH—Church and society, June 15	30 30			
LOWELL—Sept. 10, S. B. Parker, to constitute himself a Life Member of A. H. M. S.	30 00			
MORGAN—Church and society, June 4	10 00			
NEWPORT—Church and society, June 15, $20 00; March 21, $20 00	40 00			
TROY NORTH—Church and society	8 50			
RUTLAND COUNTY.				
BRANDON—Church and society, May 20	13 00			
CASTLETON—Church and society, Feb 10	89 23			
CLARENDON—Dec. 8, church and society, $23 80, to constitute J. C. Spencer a Life Member; Deacon F. Button $20, to constitute Elias H. Steward a Life Member; Cent Society $25	43 80		25 00	
CHITTENDEN—Church and society, September 15, $68 50; October 1, $18				86 50
DANBY—February 23	6 75			
FAIRHAVEN—Church and society, October 8	10 00			
HUBBARDTON—Church and society, September 14, to constitute George Holmes a Life Member	20 00			
MIDDLETOWN—Church and society, February 26	25 00			
PITTSFORD—Church and society, to constitute C. L. Penfield, A. Hammond and D. K. Hall, Life Members of A. H. M. S.; and H. F. Tiffany, J. Stevens, M. P. Humphrey, Mrs. M. B. Barnes and F. Burdill Life Members of V. D. M. S.	195 00			
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, June 11	25 00			
RUTLAND—Church and society, June, $82 15; October 12, $75 95; January 6, $43 13	201 23			
RUTLAND WEST—October 7, Cent Society, $34 00; February 2, church and society, $50 00; March 25, $3 50	53 50		34 00	
SUDBURY—Church and society, June 8, $20 00; Cent Society, $18 00	20 00		18 00	
WALLINGFORD—November 6, Cent Society, $24 81; church and society, $75 69, $20 00 of which from A. W. to constitute Mrs. Susan W. Child, of Strafford, a Life Member; S. W. C. and A. W. to constitute Mrs. Susan M. Chandler, of Chelsea, a Life Member of A. H. M. S., $30 00	105 69		24 81	
WEST HAVEN—Church and society, Sept. 11				115 00
EAST WHITEHALL—Church and society, Sept. 19				77 00
WASHINGTON COUNTY.				
BARRE—Church and society, Sept. 30	42 70			
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, Jan. 2	26 00			
BERLIN—Oct. 7, Mrs. Hubbard, $2 00; Dec. 2, Mr. Perrin, $3 00; May 22, church and society, $10 70; June 10, Mrs. E. H. Evans, $10 00	25 70			
CABOT—Church and society, June 10	25 00			
DUXBURY—Church and society, Aug. 19				38 52
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, to constitute Geo. H. Crane a Life Member of A. H. M. S., June 15, $9 20; Oct. 27, $12 38; June 10, $15 81	37 39			
MONTPELIER—Church and society, July 22, $5 90; June 11, $211 30; Sabbath School, $28 11; June 4, Cent Society, $26 24	245 31		26 24	
ROXBURY—Church and society, June 11	26 00			

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
WASHINGTON COUNTY—*Continued.*				
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, July 13, $7 90; Sept. 28, $7 10; Cent Society, July 13, $11 47; June 8, $1 56	$15 00	$	$13 03	
WARREN—Sept. 21	2 70			
WATERBURY—Church and society, Aug. 17	40 60			
WORCESTER—Church and society, April 19	26 40			
WINDHAM COUNTY.				
BRATTLEBORO—Church and society, Aug. 25, $186 10; Oct. 7, Sabbath School, $20 00	206 10			
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Dec. 15	65 00			
CAMBRIDGEPORT—Church and Society, April 21	9 35			
DOVER WEST—Church and society, May 28	20 00			
DUMMERSTON—Church and society, May 13	13 36			
FAYETTEVILLE—Church and society, March 24	10 00			
LONDONDERRY—Church and society, June 8	5 00			
LONDONDERRY SOUTH—Church and society, Sept. 11	13 25			
PUTNEY—Church and society, Aug. 25, $9 49; June 1, $9 55	19 04			
SAXTON'S RIVER—Church and society, December 15	19 75			
STRATTON—Church and society, Aug. 11, $5 00; Oct. 7, $11 00				16 00
TOWNSHEND—Church and society, Aug. 25	24 35			
WESTMINSTER—Church and society, May 19	11 00			
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and society, Aug. 25, $24 00; May 13, $30 00; Aug. 25, Cent Society, $24 00	54 00		24 00	
WINDSOR COUNTY.				
BETHEL—June 20, Cent Society, $0 60; May 6, $31 15; May 21, $2 50			31 25	
BRIDGEWATER—Church and society, Sept. 10, $10 50; Nov. 25, $23 50				34 00
CHESTER—Church and society, Nov. 23, to constitute Dea. A. Atwood a Life Member of the A. H. M. S., and T. Williams a Life Member of the V. D. M.S	50 00			
HARTFORD—Church and society, May 21, $16 45; Cent Society, $13 25	61 45		13 25	
HARTLAND—Church and society, March 4	15 00			
LUDLOW—Church and society, April 5, $11 25; Mrs. N. K. Stone, $10 00	22 25			
NORWICH—Church and society, June 15, $37 80; May 27, $31 00; June 15, Cent society, $36 94; May 27. $31 30	68 80		68 24	
June 4, J. G. Stimson, Esq	50 00	50 00		
POMFRET—Church and Society, Dec 3	11 05			17 30
PLYMOUTH—Sept. 15, $12 00; Nov. 24, $5 00			7 50	
QUECHEE—Church and society, April 22	25 00			
ROCHESTER—Church and society, May 14	16 00			
ROYALTON SOUTH—Church and society, June 5				9 75
SIMONSVILLE—Sept. 11	8 00			
WESTON—Church and society, Aug. 27	86 00			
WINDSOR—Church and society, Dec. 4	63 27		27 00	
WOODSTOCK—Church and society, July 8, $63 27; Feb. 23, Cent Society, $27 00				
OTHER RECEIPTS.				
Annual Meeting collection at St. Johnsbury	108 18			
Aug. 22. Dividend on R. R. Stock	132 00			
Aug. 24. On C. J. Alger's note	81 10			
Sept. 7. R. R. Coupons	42 75			
Sept. 7. Interest on U. S. Bonds	66 15			
Oct. 14. On F. Butterfly's note	162 67			
Jan. 8. Coupons	102 00			
Mar. 23. Coupons of Pass. River R. R. Bonds	66 00			
April 9. Estate of Hon. E. Fairbanks, per Messrs. Horace and Frank Fairbanks, executors		500 00		
June 1. Interest on T. A. Murray's note	20 00			
June 5. On H. Towner's note	133 89			

☞The moneys paid to the Secretary, at the Annual Meeting at Brandon came too late to be embraced in the above Receipts, as the account for the year closed on the 12th of June. They will appear in the next annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. STORRS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DEBIT.

To balance in treasury as by last Annual Report	$2,650 85
To received from demands	806 56
To received from Female Cent Societies	775 89
To received from Legacies	500 00
To received from donations and collections	7,694 17
	$12,357 47

CREDIT.

By paid orders of Secretary	$8,881 56	
By paid American Home Missionary Society	500 00	
By paid for printing and distributing Annual Reports	200 37	
By paid salary of Secretary	1,000 00	
By paid expenses of Secretary	200 00	
By paid stationery, postage and expressage	31 47	
Balance in the treasury	1,544 07	
		$12,357 47

I certify that I have examiued the above account of C. W. Storrs, Treasurer, from June 15th, 1868, to this date, and find him charged with the balance then on hand of $2,650 85
I find him charged with receipts since that date of 9,706 62
Making a total of $12,357 47
I find his disbursements have amounted to 10,813 40
Leaving a balance in his hands to be accounted for of $1,544 07

I have examined the vouchers and find the accounts correctly kept.

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

Montpelier, Vt., June 12, 1869.

There is, in the care of the Treasurer, the following Estate, Notes, Bonds and Stocks;

The William Olverd farm, subject to redemption				$917 96
4	Notes	against	H. S. Towers	431 05
10	"	"	F. A. Murry	1,152 54
3	"	"	F. Butterfly	340 98
1	"	"	E. Davis	326 59
5	"	"	Wm. W. Storrs	2,237 74

The above Notes are amply secured by mortgage.

22 Shares Preferred Stock in Conn. and Pas. Rivers R. R. of the per value of	$2,200 00
2 State of Maine Bonds and interest	1,545 00
2 Passumpsic River Railroad Bonds	1,545 00
1 United States Bond	108 00

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

Montpelier, June 12, 1869.

Acknowledged in the American Home Missionary.

Receipts as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary during the year ending June 1, 1869, *which have not passed through our Treasury.*

June, 1868.	BENNINGTON CENTER—Anonymous	$1 00
"	BRATTLEBORO—Mrs. B. H. Van Dorn	10 00
"	HARDWICK—Miss A. Stevens	19 00
Aug.	BERLIN—Truman Perrin	10 00
"	BRIDPORT—Legacy of Mrs. M. Clayes	864 00
"	GRAND ISLE—Congregational Church	5 00
"	MIDDLEBURY—Bertha, $10 00; a friend, $5 00	15 00
"	SOUTH HERO—Congregational Church	13 00
"	SWANTON CENTER—Mrs. A. Skeels	15 00
"	WEST ADDISON—K. S. M.	2 00
Oct.	SPRINGFIELD—L. N. Brainard $5 00; a friend $10 00	15 00
"	SWANTON—Congregational Church	38 00
"	WASHINGTON COUNTY—A friend	20 00
Nov.	CASTLETON—Harvey Griswold	500 00
"	NEWBURY—Legacy of Mrs. M. Davis	791 35
"	SPRINGFIELD—Congregational church and society	200 00
Dec.	IRASBURGH—Miss I. G. Birchard	10 00
"	SPRINGFIELD—A friend	1 00
"	SWANTON—Ladies of Congregational Church	3 00
"	THETFORD—Ladies	6 00
Feb. 1869.	HARTLAND—Legacy of Mrs. E. Plank	168 00
"	NORTH BENNINGTON—Church and society	26 00
March	ASCUTNEYVILLE—Rev. S. S. Arnold	10 00
"	CASTLETON—Legacy of Mrs. G. W. Mason	88 25
"	GRAFTON—Mrs. S. B. Pettengill	4 50
"	NEWBURY—P. W. Ladd	5 00
April	ASCUTNEYVILLE—Rev. S. S. Arnold $3 00; Mrs. O. Gay $2 00.	5 00
"	BRATTLEBORO—Mrs. B. H. Van Dorn	10 00
"	ST. ALBANS—Mrs. B. B. Nelson	2 00
"	STOWE—Dea. R. A. Savage	15 00
"	VERGENNES—A lady	10 00
"	WORCESTER—A friend	5 00
		$3,597 35

LIFE MEMBERS.

IN VERMONT.

ADDISON.

Nathaniel Allis,
Dea. D. V. Chambers,
Mrs. Polly Chambers.

ALBANY.

†Mrs. Hannah E. Bailey,
Miss Mary Bailey.

BARNET.

Miss Mary Gleason,
Miss Laura Moore,
Solomon Stevens, Esq.,
†Rev. Lyman S. Watts,
Mrs. S. A. Watts.

BARTON.

Mrs. A. C. Robinson.

BARRE.

Miss Emily Cook,
Dea. Cyrus Barber,
Dea. Hiram Gale,
Mrs. Susan Gale,
Miss Elizabeth Holden,
Mrs. L. D. Smith,
†Rev. C. M. Winch.

BENNINGTON.

Mrs. Celinda Henry,
Mrs. S. H. Hurlburt,
Rev. Isaac Jennings.

BERLIN.

Dea. Jonathan Bosworth,
S. H. O. Bosworth,
†Rev. E. I. Carpenter,
Daniel Chandler,
John H. Kimball,
James Hobart, Jr.,
Lyman R. Hunt,
Dea. R. S. Spaulding,
John Winslow.

BETHEL.

†F. W. Anderson,
Dea. M. O. Fisher.

BRADFORD.

Mrs. John B. Ayer,
Miss Mary E. Ayer,
Mrs. Hannah Corliss,
Daniel Martin, Esq.,
Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D.,
Mrs. S. McKeen,
Dea. Geo. W. Prichard,
Mrs. Sarah B. Underwood,
Miss Harriet Underwood.

BRANDON.

Dea. Barzilli Davenport,
Dea. Ira Button,
Miss H. E. Leonard.

BRATTLEBORO.

Mrs. A. Kellogg,
†F. Tyler, Esq.

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¶Life Directors of the American Home Missionary Society.
The names of all Life Members who are known to have died have been omitted.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I.—This society shall be known by the name of the *Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.*

ART. II.—This society shall consist of life-members who have paid twenty dollars at one time, of delegates from auxiliary societies, and of members of the General Convention; and all persons who have contributed to the funds of the society within a year, may be received as members by a vote, or general acquiescence.

ART. III.—The object of this society shall be to supply the destitute towns of this State with a preached gospel by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

ART. IV.—The officers of this society shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall consist of a President, Vice President, twelve Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. In addition to the twelve Directors, the President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Board, *ex officio.*

ART. V.—The President, and in case of his absence the senior Vice President, shall preside at all the meetings of the society. The Directors shall appoint and direct missionaries, shall have the control of the funds to promote the objects of the society, and shall make a report at each annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall superintend the correspondence of the society, and record the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the society. The Treasurer shall keep the moneys of the society, give bonds for the faithful execution of the duties of his office, and make a report at each annual meeting. The Directors may appoint missionaries, and transact any other necessary business, by a select committee chosen from their own members. No person shall be employed as a missionary who is not furnished with satisfactory testimonials of good Christian character and theological attainments.

ART. VI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the society, and addresses delivered, at such time and place as the society, by their regulations, shall establish.

The object of this society cannot be changed, but this Constitution may be amended (on a proposal of the Directors) at any annual meeting, by two-thirds of the members present.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ——— dollars in trust, to pay over the same, in ——— after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said society.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MISSIONARIES.

The Directors of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, having been embarrassed and retarded in their business, in consequence of the negligence of some of the missionaries to make their reports until a few days before the annual meeting, think it expedient to pass the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is required of all missionaries, appointed by this Board, to make quarterly returns; and that *in all cases*, they return their annual reports to the Secretary by the first day of June. All who violate this rule are to expect the quarterly payment will be suspended three months.

BRANDON, June 24th, 1848.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the standard rate per cent. upon their grand lists, which churches shall be required to pay towards supporting their own ministers, in order to be entitled to receive aid from the society, be one hundred and twenty-five, instead of one hundred per cent., as heretofore; leaving the Executive Committee, however, with decretionary power to vary from this where peculiar circumstances shall seem to them to demand it.

2. In view of the incompetency of the salaries of the ministers of many of the aided churches:

Resolved, That the Board will coöperate with those aided churches in increasing their minister's salary, who will increase their own subscription for his support to one hundred and fifty per cent.

The Board were led to these resolutions by such considerations as the following, viz:

1. Owing to the increased price of labor and produce, while the grand list remains the same, churches can pay one hundred and fifty per cent. now, more easily than they could one hundred per cent. in former years.

2. Many of the churches which are not aided, pay as high or higher than the rate named in the above resolutions, for the support of their own ministers; and, in addition to that, contribute to the funds of this society; and it would seem unreasonable and unjust to take their contributions and appropriate them to aid churches which do not pay as high, or nearly as high, towards supporting the gospel among themselves.

3. It is found that those churches which voluntarily and cheerfully pay the most liberally, according to their means, for the support of the gospel, are the most prosperous, both as respects their spiritual and external affairs. And it is believed that the rate per cent. named in the resolution, is no higher than Christians ought to tax themselves for the support of religion,—that to do much less would be to withhold more than is meet, which tendeth to both spiritual and temporal poverty.

4. The impossibility of extending operations to the numerous churches and communities which are still destitute in our State, without greater liberality and self-denial on the part of both the aided and unaided churches, is another strong reason, and one which it is believed will commend itself to every candid mind.

It is hoped that no feeble church will be disheartened in consequence of this action of the Board; but rather that it will be stirred up to greater effort, and after doing the best it can, let its case to be known to the Executive Committee.

MONTPELIER, June 23, 1854.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Vermont Education Society held its Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting at Brandon, on the evening of Wednesday, June 16, 1869.

The President, Rev. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D., was in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. H. BYINGTON.

Rev. Messrs. L. H. COBB, ALFRED STEVENS and S. W. MAGILL were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the following year.

The Report of the Treasurer was then read by the Secretary.

The Report of the Directors was then presented, and with that of the Treasurer, was accepted.

Addresses were then made by Rev. Messrs. W. W. DAVENPORT, of Hartford Theological Seminary, B. F. RAY, L. H. ELLIOTT and J. COPELAND.

The Nominating Committee reported the following persons as officers for the year ensuing, and they were elected:

President—REV. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D.

Vice Presidents—Pres. J. B. ANGELL, Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB.

Treasurer—Hon. C. M. WILLARD.

Auditor—Hon. J. A. PAGE.

Directors—Windham Association, Rev. A. STEVENS; Lamoille Association, Rev. J. T. FORD; Northwestern Association, Rev. H. C. RIGGS; Addison Association, Rev. M. L. SEVERANCE; White River Association, Rev. WM. SEWALL; Orleans Association, Rev. A. W. WILD: Rutland Association, Rev. F. TUXBURY; Windsor Association, Rev. L. H. COBB; Royalton Association, Rev. W. A. JAMES; Orange Association, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS; Caledonia Association, Rev. J. TORREY; Winooski Association, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD; Bennington Association, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN; Montpelier Association, Rev. J. COPELAND.

After singing, with which the exercises were interspersed, led by the choir of the Congregational church, the society adjourned.

A. B. DASCOMB, *Secretary.*

The following is a list of the contributions to this society during the year:

June 31	Craftsbury, Church and Society		$10 00
Aug. 12	So. Woodstock "	"	20 00
" "	North Troy "	"	5 00
" "	Barton "	"	9 00
" 15	Woodstock "	"	45 00
Sept. 30	Hardwick "	"	10 00
" "	Waitafield "	"	10 25
Oct. 24	Greensboro "	"	21 00
Nov. 2	Bradford "	"	31 00
" 25	Newbury "	"	35 00
Dec. 4	Randolph "	"	3 00
" 5	Windsor "	"	17 00
" 16	Bennington "	"	26 61
Feb. 6	Brattleboro "	"	88 33
" "	Windham "	"	22 32
" 13	Dorset "	"	13 00
March 8	East Poultney "	"	7 00
" "	Rev. J. G. Hale		5 00
" 25	Rev. Charles Duren		2 00
" 27	Essex Junction, Church and Society		5 60
" 31	Waterbury "	"	11 50
April 17	Winooski "	"	19 05
May 3	Hartford "	"	10 00
" 19	Waterbury "	"	10 50
" 20	W. Westminster "	"	20 00
Total			$456 16

Fourteen other churches contributed to the Parent Society, whose treasury is at Boston, to the amount of $547 69, making a total of contributions to the cause, of $1003 85.

The Secretary of the Parent Society writes that, "Relatively the Vermont churches have done well the past year. There has been no year for a long time when they have done so well." One thousand thirty-six dollars ninety-four cents were expended upon the beneficiaries of the Society in our two Vermont colleges.

It would be well if our churches would send their contributions to the Vermont Society, rather than to the Parent Society, since we expend all we raise in the State. Will they not do it?

SCHEDULE

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES FOR FIVE YEARS.

Associations.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
ADDISON	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.
BENNINGTON	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.
CALEDONIA	Iowa, Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.
LAMOILLE	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.
LANCASTER	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.
MONTPELIER	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.
NORTH WESTERN	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Maine. Vt. B. Con.
ORANGE	New York.	Canada.	California F. B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.
ORLEANS	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire
ROYALTON	California. F. B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Indiana. Illinois.
RUTLAND	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.
WHITE RIVER	Ohio.	New Hamshire.	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.
WINDHAM	New Hampshire	Indiana. Illinois.	Missouri. Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.
WINDSOR	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.
WINOOSKI	Missouri. Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.

Notes.—1. The figures at the head of the columns indicate the year in which the appointments are to be made.

2. It is expected that Delegates to Bodies whose meetings occur later than July in the year of their appointment, will attend that year; all others, the year following.

3. To extend this Table indefinitely, notice that each year the State at the head of the list the previous year is placed at the foot of the list, and each State placed one line nearer the top.

A TABULAR STATEMENT

OF THE TIMES AND PLACES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT, WITH LISTS OF OFFICERS AND PREACHERS.

PREPARED BY PLINY H. WHITE.

TIMES.	PLACES.	MODERATORS.	SCRIBES.	PREACHERS.	TEXT.
1796..June 21..	Rockingham.....	Rev. Job Swift, D. D.....	Rev. Martin Tullar.....	Rev. Martin Tullar.....	
1797..June 20..	Pawlet.....	" Joseph Bowman.....	" Gershom C. Lyman...	" Gershom C. Lyman...	
1798..June 19..	Barnard.....	" William Hall.....	" Martin Tullar.....	" Lemuel Haynes.....	
1799..June 18..	Grafton.....	" Eleazer Fairbanks....	" Nathaniel Lambert....	" Elijah Lyman.....	
1800..June 17..	Dorset.....	" Job Swift, D. D.....	" Jesse Edson.....	" Stephen Fuller.....	
1801..Sept. 1..	Westminster.....	" Asa Burton, D. D.....	" Martin Tullar.....	" Nathaniel Hall.....	
1802..Sept. 7..	Granville, N. Y.....	" Job Swift, D. D.....	" John Fitch.....	" John Fitch.....	
1803..Sept. 6..	Thetford.....	" William Hall.....	" Elijah Lyman.....	" William Hall.....	
1804..Sept. 4..	Royalton.....	" Gershom C. Lyman...	" John B. Preston.....	" J. B. Preston.....	
1805..Sept. 3..	Pittsford.....	" William Hall.....	" J. W. Woodward.....	" Tilton Eastman.....	
1806..Sept. 2..	Brattleboro.....	" Asa Burton, D. D.....	" T. A. Merrill, D. D....		
1807..Sept. 1..	Middlebury.....	" William Hall.....	" Jedediah Bushnell....	" John Fitch.....	
1808..Sept. 6..	Windsor.....	" Gershom C. Lyman...	" Nathaniel Hall.....		
1809..Sept. 5..	Rutland.....	" Stephen Fuller.....	" Leonard Worcester...	" Stephen Fuller.....	
1810..Sept. 4..	Brookfield.....	" Asa Burton, D. D.....	" Leonard Worcester...	" Holland Weeks.....	
1811..Sept. 10..	Vergennes.....	" Asa Burton, D. D.....	" Holland Weeks.....	" Chester Wright.....	
1812..Sept. 8..	Westminster.....	" Gershom C. Lyman...	" John Fitch.....	" Micha Stone.....	
1813..Sept. 14..	Pawlet.....	" Lemuel Haynes.....	" John Fitch.....	" Timothy Field.....	
1814..Sept. 13..	Woodstock.....	" Dan Kent.....	" John Hough.....	" John Keep.....	
1815..Sept. 10..	Benson.....	" John Griswold.....	" Rufus Cushman.....	" Jacob Allen.....	
1816..Sept. 10..	Montpelier.....	" Asa Burton, D. D.....	" Chester Wright.....	" Elihu Smith.....	
1817..Sept. 9..	Middlebury.....	" Asa Burton, D. D.....	" John Hough.....	" Amariah Chandler....	
1818..Sept. 8..	Peacham.....	" T. A. Merrill, D. D....	" Walter Chapin.....	" T. A. Merrill, D. D....	
1819..Sept. 14..	Burlington.....	" T. A. Merrill, D. D....	" Ralph Robinson.....	" Leonard Worcester...	
1820..Sept. 12..	Westminster West.....	" T. A. Merrill, D. D....	" Elihu Smith.....	" Ezra Fisk.....	
1821..Sept. 11..	Poultney.....	" John Griswold.....	" Rufus W. Bailey.....	" Thomas H. Wood.....	
1822..Sept. 10..	South Norwich.....	" Elijah Lyman.....	" Charles Y. Chase.....	" Dan Kent.....	
1823..Sept. 9..	Ludlow.....	" T. A. Merrill, D. D....	" Calvin Yale.....	" Asa Burton, D.D.....	
1824..Sept. 14..	Charlotte.....	" Joshua Bates, D. D...	" Jonathan McGee.....	" Mason Knapen.....	
1825..Sept. 13..	Chelsea.....	" T. A. Merrill, D. D...	" Charles Walker.....	" Daniel O. Morton.....	

1826..	Sept. 12..	Castleton.....	"	John Hough.....	"	Joseph Torrey.....	"	Silas McKeen.....	
1827..	Sept. 11..	Montpelier.....	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D....	"	Henry Hunter.....	"	Reuben Smith.....	
1828..	Sept. 9..	Burlington.....	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D....	"	Joseph Tracy.....	"	Hosea Beckley.....	
1829..	Sept. 8..	Woodstock.....	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D....	"	Willard Child.....	"	Willard Child.....	
1830..	Sept. 14..	Rutland.....	"	Joshua Bates, D. D....	"	Joseph Tracy.....	"	F. E. Cannon.....	
1831..	Sept. 13..	Windsor.....	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D....	"	Samuel Delano.....	"	James Anderson.....	
1832..	Sept. 11..	Middlebury.....	"	Calvin Yale.....	"	Joseph Tracy.....	"	A. C. Washburn.....	
1833..	Sept. 10..	Royalton.....	"	Daniel O. Morton.....	"	John K. Converse.....	"	James Patterson.....	
1834..	Sept. 9..	Brandon.....	"	Simeon Parmelee.....	"	Daniel O. Morton.....	"	Edward W. Hooker...	
1835..	Sept. 8..	Newbury.....	"	J. Wheeler, D. D.....	"	Joseph Steele.....	"	J. Wheeler, D. D.....	
1836..	Sept. 13..	Castleton.....	"	Charles Walker.....	"	Lucius L. Tilden.....	"	James Buckham.....	
1837..	Sept. 12..	Springfield.....	"	Willard Child.....	"	Harvey F. Leavitt....	"	C. Blodgett.....	
1838..	Sept. 11..	Vergennes.....	"	Austin Hazen.....	"	John K. Converse.....	"	Milton Badger.....	
1839..	Aug. 27..	Montpelier.....	"	Joshua Bates, D. D....	"	Joseph Steele.....	"	William Mitchell.....	
1840..	Sept. 8..	Burlington.....	"	James Buckham.....	"	John H. Worcester....	"	W. Wright.....	
1841..	Sept. 14..	Woodstock.....	"	J. Wheeler, D. D.....	"	Amos Foster.....	"	Otto S. Hoyt.....	
1842..	Sept. 13..	Manchester.....	"	R. C. Hand.....	"	C. B. Drake.....	"	R. C. Hand.....	
1843..	June 20..	Chester.....	"	B. Labaree, D. D.....	"	Dana Lamb.....	"	B. Labaree, D. D.....	
1844..	June 18..	Rutland.....	"	Charles Walker.....	"	R. C. Hand.....	"	C. B. Drake.....	
1845..	June 17..	Danville.....	"	Joseph Steele.....	"	Aldace Walker.....	"	J. Steele.....	
1846..	June 16..	Middlebury.....	"	Silas McKeen.....	"	John Gridley.....	"	John F. Stone.....	
1847..	June 15..	Springfield.....	"	H. F. Leavitt.....	"	S. G. Coe.....	"	Samuel H. Riddell....	
1848..	June 20..	Brandon.....	"	W. Smith, D. D.....	"	M. B. Bradford.....	"	M. B. Bradford.....	
1849..	June 19..	St. Johnsbury.....	"	B. Labaree, D. D.....	"	J. H. Woodward.....	"	Cephas H. Kent.....	
1850..	June 18..	Burlington.....	"	Amos Foster.....	"	Azariah Hyde.....	"	Rufus Case.....	
1851..	June 17..	Bradford.....	"	James Anderson.....	"	A. G. Pease.....	"	Stephen Thurston....	
1852..	June 15..	Castleton.....	"	C. B. Drake.....	"	Pliny H. White..... ..	"	W. W. Thayer.....	
1853..	June 21..	Windsor.....	"	Silas Aiken, D. D.....	"	Wm. B. Bond.....	"	Silas Aiken, D. D....	
1854..	June 20..	St. Albans.....	"	Moses B. Bradford....	"	F. B. Wheeler.....	"	Willard Brigham.....	
1855..	June 19..	Brattleboro.....	"	Cephas H. Kent.....	"	F. W. Olmsted.....	"	J. DeF. Richards.....	
1856..	June 17..	Waterbury.....	"	J. Clement, D. D.....	"	R. S. Cushman.....	"	J. Clement, D. D.....	
1857..	June 16..	Bennington.....	"	Willard Child, D. D...	"	Franklin Butler.....	"	Geo. N. Boardman....	Luke xi. 13.
1858..	June 15..	St. Johnsbury.....	"	John Wheeler, D. D...	"	John D. Kingsbury....	"	Wm. H. Lord, D. D...	1 Corinthians ix. 16.
1859..	June 21..	Vergennes.....	"	Samuel R. Hall, L.L.D	"	Spencer Marsh.....	"	Clark E. Ferrin.....	2 Corinthians x. 4.
1860..	June 19..	Montpelier.....	"	Harvey F. Leavitt.....	"	Ezra H. Byington.....	"	Geo. W. Ranslow.....	Ephesians iv. 13.
1861..	June 18..	Rutland.....	"	Wm. H. Lord, D. D...	"	J. Eames Rankin.....	"	James Dougherty, D.D	Matthew xiii. 52.
1862..	June 17..	Norwich.....	"	Clark E. Ferrin.....	"	John G. Hale.....	"	John Eastman.....	Is aiah xxxii. 1.
1863..	June 16..	Middlebury.....	"	Charles C. Parker.....	"	Calvin B. Hulbert.....	"	Pliny H. White.....	Deuteronomy xxxii. 7.
1864..	June 21..	Woodstock.....	"	B. Labaree, D. D.....	"	Austin Hazen.....	"	Wm. Sewall.....	Jeremiah xii. 5.
1865..	June 20..	Burlington.....	"	Silas Aiken, D. D.....	"	Lewis Francis.....	"	Joseph Chandler.....	1 Corinthians i. 10.
1866..	June 19..	Newbury.....	"	George P. Tyler, D. D.	"	Azel W. Wild.....	"	Lewis O. Brastow....	Acts i. 8.
1867..	June 18..	St. Albans.....	"	H. D. Kitchel, D. D....	"	Francis J. Fairbanks.	"	Ezra H. Byington.....	John xx. 21
1868..	June 16..	St. Johnsbury.....	"	Alfred Stevens.....	"	Wm. A. Robinson.....	"	H. D. Kitchel, D. D...	Psalms cvii. 7.
1869..	June 15..	Brandon.....	"	Rufus S. Cushman....	"	Milton L. Severance..	"	Matthew H. Buckham.	2 Corinthians iii. 12.

SCHEDULE

OF TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

Counties.	January & February.	March and April.	May and June.	July and August.	Sept. and Oct.	Nov. and Dec.
WINDHAM.....	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.
WINDSOR.....	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.
ORANGE.....	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.
WASHINGTON.....	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.
BENNINGTON.....	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.
RUTLAND.....	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.
ADDISON.....	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.
CHITTENDEN.....	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.
GRAND ISLE.....	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.
FRANKLIN.....	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.
LAMOILLE.....	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.
ORLEANS.....	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.
CALEDONIA.....	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.
ESSEX.....	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, AND THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN WHICH EACH NAME APPEARS IN THE STATISTICS.

P., Pastor; A. P., Acting Pastor; W. C., Without Charge.

Abbott, Geo. N.	W. C.	Newbury	15
Albee, Solon, Prof.	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Anderson, James	W. C.	Manchester	2
Arnold, Seth S.	W. C.	Ascutneyville	13
Austin, Lewis A.	W. C.	Manchester.	2
Babbitt, James H.	P.	Waitsfield	6
Bacon, William N.	P.	Shoreham	1
Bailey, George H.	P.	Newport	9
Bailey, John G.	P.	Hydepark	4
Baker, John W. H.	W. C.	Waterford, Me.	9
Baldwin, Joseph B.	A. P.	Weathersfield Center.	14
Baldwin, Thomas.	A. P.	Plymouth	14
Barnard, Pliny F	P.	Williamstown	6
Bartlett, Lyman.		Missionary, Turkey	4
Barton, Alanson S.	P.	Townshend East	13
Bates, S. Lysander.	P.	Underhill	15
Birge, E. C.	W. C.	Underhill	15
Bishop, Nelson	W. C.	Windsor	14
Bittinger, John Q.	A. P.	Hartland.	12
Bourne, James R	P.	Lunenburgh	5
Bowen, William C.	A. P.	Jamaica	13
Bradford, Moses B.	A. P.	McIndoes Falls	3
Bradford, Dana B.	P.	Randolph Center	10
Brainard, Ezra, Prof.		Middlebury	1
Bradshaw, John.	A. P.	Swanton	7
Brastow, Lewis O	P.	St. Johnsbury	3
Brown, J. W	W. C	Manchester.	2
Buckham, James.	W. C.	Burlington	15
Buckham, Matthew H., Prof.	A. P.	Burlington	1
Burton, Horatio N.	W. C.	Newbury	10

Butler, Franklin.....W. C.....Windsor 12
Byington, Ezra H..... P. .....Windsor 12
Byington, George P.....W. C.....Windsor 11
Cady, Calvin B..... ..A. P.....Alburgh..... 7
Caldwell, James.....A. P.....Royalton 10
Carpenter, E. Irvin.....A. P.....Berlin 6
Chandler, Joseph..... P. .....Brattleboro West 13
Chandler, Augustus..... P. .....Dummerston 13
Child, Willard, D. D.....W. C.....Crown Point, N. Y.....11
Childs, Alexander C..... P. .....Charleston 9
Clark, Asa F.....A. P .....Peru 13
Clark, Charles W.....A. P.....Charlotte 15
Clark, Josiah B..... ..A. P.....Rupert 2
Clark, Jacob S..... P. .....Morgan 9
Clark, Philetus.....W. C.....Clarendon... 12
Clark, William..... .....Missionary, Milan 13
Clement, Jonathan, D. D.....W. C.....Norwich 12
Cobb, Levi H..... P. .....Springfield. 14
Comings, Elam J .....A. P.....Highgate 7
Connell, David .....A. P.....Newbury West 8
Converse, John K.....A. P.....Burlington 15
Copeland, Jonathan.....A. P.....Waterbury 6
Cummings, Ephraim C.... ... P. .....St. Johnsbury 3
Cushman, Rufus S..... P. .....Manchester 2
Dascomb, Alfred B..... P. ... .Woodstock 12
Delano, Samuel.....A. P .. ....Strafford 8
Demeritt, John P.....A. P.....Albany 9
Deming, Alonzo T.....A. P.....Post Mills 8
Dike, Samuel W..... P. .....West Randolph 10
Dougherty, James, D. D.....W. C.....Johnson..... 4
Drake, Cyrus B., D. D..... P. .....Royalton 10
Drew, Stephen F..... P. .....Cabot 3
Duren, Charles.....A. P.....Pomfret.....12
Eaton, Joshua.....A. P.....Granby 5
Elliott, Lester H..... P. .....Winooski 15
Fairbanks, Edward T.. ..... P. .....St. Johnsbury Center .. 3
Fairbanks, Francis G..... P. .....Westminster East 13
Fairbanks, Henry, Prof.....W. C.....St. Johnsbury 3
Ferrin, Clark E..... P. ....Hinesburgh 15
Fisk, Perrin B..... P. .....Peacham 3
Fleming, Archibald.....W. C.....Constable, N. Y 15
Ford, James T..... P. .....Stowe 4
Foster, Amos.....A. P.....Putney.....13
Fox, Daniel W..... P. .....South Royalton.....10

Fuller, Joseph	W. C.	Vershire	9
Francis, Lewis	P.	Castleton	11
French, Lyndon S	W. C.	Franklin	7
Gates, Matthew A	A. P.	Londonderry	13
Gilbert, William H	W. C.	Norwich	13
Gleed, John	W. C.	Morrisville	14
Glines, Jeremiah	W. C.	Granby	5
Giddings, Solomon P	W. C.	Rutland	14
Goodhue, Daniel	A. P.	Westfield	9
Goodrich, John E	W. C.	Burlington	15
Granger, Calvin	A. P.	Hubbardton	11
Graves, N. Z	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Grey, Asahel R	A. P.	Coventry	9
Griffin, Edward H	P.	Burlington	15
Grout, Lewis	W. C.	West Brattleboro	13
Hale, John G	W. C.	East Poultney	11
Hall, Robert V	W. C.	Newport	9
Hall, Samuel R., LL. D	W. C.	Brownington	9
Halley, Eben	A. P.	Richmond	15
Hamlin, Cyrus	P.	Bellows Falls	13
Hand, Richard C	W. C.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	2
Harris, Stephen	P.	Windham	13
Hatch, Elias W	P.	Berkshire East	7
Hazen, Austin	A. P.	Jericho Center	15
Hazen, William S	P.	Northfield	6
Herrick, Edward E	A. P.	Wilmington	13
Herrick, Horace	A. P.	Wolcott	4
Herrick, William T	P.	Clarendon	11
Hickok, Henry P	W. C.	Burlington	15
Hicks, Frederic		Missionary, Panama, C. A.	2
Higley, Harvey O	W. C.	Castleton	11
Hosford, Isaac	W. C.	North Thetford	8
Houghton, James C	A. P.	Middletown	11
Houghton, John C	A. P.	Coventry	4
Howard, Jabez T	P.	Charleston West	9
Hoyt, Otto S	W. C.	New Haven	1
Hubbard, Chauncey H	A. P.	Bennington	2
Hubbard, Thomas S	A. P.	Rochester	10
Hulbert, Calvin B	P.	New Haven	1
Humphrey, John P	P.	St. Johnsbury East	3
Hungerford, Edward, Prof.	L.	Burlington	15
James, William A	P.	Chelsea	10
Jennings, Isaac	P.	Bennington Center	2
Kent, Cephas H	P.	Ripton	1

Kingsbury, J. W	P.	Quechee	12
Kitchel, Harvey D., D. D.	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Ladd, Alden	P.	Roxbury	6
Ladd, Daniel	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Laird, James	P.	Guildhall	5
Lancashire, Henry	A. P.	West Haven	11
Levings, Israel Hall	L.		7
Leavitt, Harvey F	A. P.	Middlebury	1
Lewis, Everett E	L.	Bethel	10
Lord, William H., D. D.	P.	Montpelier	6
Loring, Levi	A. P.	Saxton's River	13
Lyon, Amzi B	P.	Bristol	1
McKeen, Silas, D. D	A. P.	Bradford	8
McCollom, Julius C	P.	Cambridgeport	13
Magill, Seagrove W	P.	Cornwall	1
Marsh, Joseph	W. C.	Thetford	8
Marsh, Samuel	W. C.	Underhill	15
Martin, Solon	A. P.	Fairlee West	8
Maynard, Joshua L	P.	Williston	15
Maynard, Ulric	W. C.	Castleton	11
Mighill, Nathaniel	P.	Brattleboro	13
Montgomery, Giles F		Missionary, Marash	4
Morgan, Stillman	W. C.	Bristol	1
Morris, O. S	A. P.	Tunbridge	10
Munsill, Joseph R	A. P.	Franklin	7
Munson, Myron A	P.	Pittsford	11
Nichols, Ammi	A. P.	Braintree	10
Olmsted, F W	A. P.	East Dorset	1
Oxnard, Fred	A. P.	Johnson	4
Paine, Sewell	P.	Montgomery Center	7
Palmer, William S	P.	Wells River	8
Parkinson, Royal	W. C.	Milton	15
Parmelee, Moses P		Missionary, Turkey	15
Parmelee, Simeon, D. D	A. P.	Westford	15
Pease, Aaron G	W. C.	Rutland	12
Perkins, Sidney, K. B	P.	Glover	9
Perry, David	W. C.	Worcester	6
Perry, John B	W. C.	Cambridge, Mass.	15
Pratt, Horace	A. P.	Plainfield	6
Pratt, Parsons S	P.	Dorset	2
Ranney, Timothy E	A. P.	Holland	9
Ranslow, E. J	A. P.	Swanton	7
Ray, Benjamin F	P.	Hartford	12
Redfield, Charles	A. P.	Arlington East	2

Richards, J. DeForrest.....W. C.....Alabama 14
Rickett, John Henry.....A. P.....West Dover.....13
Riggs, Charles H.....A. P.....Stockbridge.....10
Riggs, Herman C..... P. .....St. Albans..... 7
Robinson, William A..... P - .....Barton..... 9
Rogers, John.....A. P.....Derby 9
Rustedt, Henry F.....A. P.....Sudbury 11
Safford, George B..... P. .....Burlington.....15
Samson, Amos J.....A. P.....St. Albans.....15
Searle, Richard T..... P. .....Thetford..... 8
Seaton, Charles M.....A. P.....Colchester.....15
Severance. Milton L..... P. .....Orwell.. 1
Sewall, William..... P. .....Norwich.....12
Shurtleff, Daniel.....A. P..... Fayetteville..... 9
Smith, Azro A..... P. .....Lowell..... 9
Smith, Buel W.....W. C.....Burlington.....15
Smith, Charles S.....W. C.....Montpelier..... 6
Smith, Eban.....W. C.....Middlebury..... 1
Sparhawk, Samuel..... ..A. P.....Pittsfield.....10
Steele, Joseph.....W. C.....Middlebury..... 1
Stevens, Alfred..... P. .....Westminster 13
Stone, George.....W. C.....Troy..... 9
Stone, John F.....A. P.....Montpelier..... 6
Stone, James P.....A. P.....Ludlow.....14
Stone, Levi H.....A. P.....Pawlet 11
Swift, Alfred B.....A. P.....Enosburgh..... 7
Swift, Aurelius S.....W. C.....Pittsfield.....10
Tenney, Leonard.....A. P.....Barre..... 6
Tenney, S. G.....W. C.....Springfield 14
Thayer, William W..... ...W. C.....St. Johnsbury.... 3
Thompson, Charles W..... P. .....Danville..... 3
Thyng, John H.....A. P.....Townshend West.....13
Tilden, Lucius L.....W. C.....Washington, D. C.....11
Tolman, George B..... P. .....Sheldon 7
Torrey, Charles C..... P. .....Georgia..... 7
Torrey, Henry A. P.....W. C.....Burlington.....15
Torrey, Joseph..... P. .....Hardwick..... 3
Tuxbury, Franklin..... P. .....Brandon.....11
Underwood, Joseph.....W. C.....Hardwick..... 3
Walker, Aldace, D. D..... P. .....Wallingford.....11
Walker, Charles, D. D.....W. C.....Pittsford.....11
Ward, Earl J..... P. .....Grafton.....13
Watts, Lyman S.....A. P.....Barnet..... 3
Webber, George N., Prof.....W. C.....Middlebury 1

Wells, Moses H.	A.	P.	Lyndon 3
Wellington, Horace	W.	C.	12
Wheeler, Orville G.		P.	South Hero 15
Wheelock, Edwin,		P.	Cambridge 4
White, George H.	A.	P.	Brookfield 10
Wickham, Joseph D., D. D.	W.	C.	Manchester 2
Wild, Azel W.		P.	Greensboro 9
Wild, Daniel		P.	Fairfield 10
Wild, Edward P.		P.	Craftsbury 9
Wilder, J. C.	W.	C.	Charlotte 15
Willard, Andrew J.	A.	P.	Burlington 15
Williams, John K.		P.	Bradford 8
Williams, S. H.		P.	North Hero 7
Williams, Stephen	W.	C.	Clarendon 11
Williams, Stephen S.	W.	C.	Orwell 11
Winch, Caleb M.	W.	C.	Barre 6
Winchester, Warren W.		P.	Bridport 1
Woodward, John H.	A.	P.	Milton 9
Worcester, John H., D. D.	W.	C.	Burlington 15
Wright, George F.		P.	Bakersfield 7

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention meets on the third Tuesday in June, annually. The Assembly's Shorter Catechism is its doctrinal standard. It is constituted as follows:

Each County Conference may send three delegates—one minister and two laymen. Each Association may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every four ordained resident ministers. The permanent officers of Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish, Delegates to and from Foreign Bodies, Chairmen of Committees who have to report, the Officers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and Vermont Education Society, Members of Boards appointed by Convention, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and to lead in discussions, are also members *ex-officiis*. The officers of Convention are chosen annually, excepting the Register and Corresponding Secretary, who are elected for five years. The last election was in 1870. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of Convention.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

REV. EZRA H. BYINGTON, Moderator, New Haven.
REV. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Register resigned, Wallingford.
REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Register elect, West Brattleboro.
REV. EZRA H. BYINGTON, Corresponding Secretary resigned, New Haven.
REV. JOSEPH TORREY, Corresponding Secretary elect, Hardwick.
REV. GEORGE F. WRIGHT, Scribe, Bakersfield.
REV. WILLIAM S. HAZEN, Secretary of Sabbath Schools, Northfield.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

J. W. HICKOK, ESQ., President, Burlington.
REV. CHARLES S. SMITH, Corresponding Secretary, Montpelier.
REV. LEONARD TENNEY, Recording Secretary, Barre.
C. W. STORRS, ESQ., Treasurer, Montpelier.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

REV. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., President, Middlebury.
REV. A. B. DASCOMB, Secretary, Woodstock.
HON. C. M. WILLARD, Treasurer, Castleton.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks, Rev. Ezra H. Byington, John C. Emery, Esq., Rev. Henry Fairbanks.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Hon. John B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. Amasa Woolson.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt; *Rutland and Bennington Conference*—Rev. P. S. Pratt; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. L. S. Watts; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. John G. Bailey; *Lancaster Conference*—Rev. Joshua Eaton; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. H. C. Riggs; *Orange Conference*—Rev. John K. Williams; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. A. W. Wild; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. William Sewall; *Windham Conference*—Rev. F. J. Fairbanks.

DELEGATE.

Delegate to attend the next annual Examinations of Andover Theological Seminary—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place of next Annual Meeting—Newport, June 20, 1871.

Preacher—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Primary; Rev. Levi H. H. Cobb, Substitute.

Discussion—Question: Is not some change in the two-sermon system of Sabbath services advisable? Speakers: Rev. Messrs. Lewis Francis and H. C. Riggs, Primaries; Rev. Messrs. C. Hamlin and J. K. Williams, Substitutes.

Essay—Subject: Best means of increasing the permanence and power of the pastorate. Writer: Rev. G. B. Safford, Primary: Rev. S. F. Drew, Substitute.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the Congregational Church of Montpelier, June 21, 1870.

The sermon was preached by Rev. ISAAC JENNINGS of Bennington, from Psalms XXV: 14.

The following delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members of the Convention, viz:

Addison Association—Rev. Messrs. H. P. V. BOGUE, W. W. WINCHESTER.

Bennington Association—Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN.

Caledonia Association—Rev. Messrs. M. H. WELLS, J. P. HUMPHREY, L. O. BRASTOW, EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS.

Lamoille Association—Rev. Messrs. HORACE HERRICK, J. G. BAILEY.

Lancaster Association—Rev. JOSHUA EATON.

Montpelier Association—Rev. Messrs. LEONARD TENNEY, JOHN F. STONE, ALDEN LADD.

North Western Association—Rev. Messrs. DANIEL WILD, H. C. RIGGS, E. J. COMINGS.

Orange Association—Rev. Messrs. J. K. WILLIAMS, W. S. PALMER.

Orleans Association—Rev. Messrs. S. R. HALL, LL. D., T. E. RANNEY, A. W. WILD, E. P. WILD, A. C. CHILDS.

Royalton Association—Rev. Messrs. C. B. DRAKE, D. D., O. S. MORRIS, W. A. BUSHEE.

Rutland Association—Rev. Messrs. WM. T. HERRICK, H. F. RUSTEDT, CALVIN GRANGER, LEWIS FRANCIS.

Windham Association—Rev. Messrs. LEWIS GROUT, CYRUS HAMLIN, F. J. FAIRBANKS.

Windsor Association—Rev. Messrs. NELSON BISHOP, SILAS P. COOK.

Winooski Association—Rev. Messrs. C. W. CLARK, AUSTIN HAZEN, L. H. ELLIOT, GEORGE B. SAFFORD, E. H. GRIFFIN.

White River Association—Rev. Messrs. J. CLEMENT, D. D., GEORGE H. WHITE.

Addison Conference—Bro. CHARLES HAYWARD.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. S. F. DREW, Bro. HENRY BLAKE.

Chittenden Conference—Rev. J. H. WOODARD, Bro. JOHN LYMAN, Dea. E. A. WHEELER.

Essex and Coos Conference———— ————

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. G. F. WRIGHT, Bro. G. S. FASSETT.

Lamoille Conference—Rev. B. F. PERKINS.

Orange Conference—Rev. R. T. SEARLE, Bros. FRANKLIN DEARBORN, JOHN STRATTON.

Orleans Conference—Rev. JOHN C. HOUGHTON, Dea. CHARLES CUMMINGS, Dea. M. ROOT.

Rutland and Bennington Conference—Rev. CHARLES REDFIELD. Dea. E. D. SELDEN, Dea. A. D. SMITH.

Washington Conference—Rev. HORACE PRATT, Dea. W. WINCH. Bro. L. H. HAYNES.

Windsor Conference—Dea. S. G. STEELE, Dea. C. ROSSITER.

Windham Conference—Rev. N. MIGHILL.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. A. J. PARKER.

General Association of New York—Rev. GEORGE ANDERSON.

Congregational Conference of Ohio—Rev. JOSEPH B. DAVIDSON.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Register—Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON.

Preacher—Rev. ISAAC JENNINGS.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D.

Appointed to read an Essay—Rev. C. E. FERRIN.

Appointed to lead in Discussion—Rev. P. B. FISK.

President of Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Secretary of Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Fairbanks Board for relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, Bros. J. G. STIMSON, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS.

Fairbanks Education Board—Bro. JOHN C. EMERY.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

General Association of Connecticut.—Rev. WM. S. HAZEN.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. ALFRED STEVENS.

General Association of Wisconsin and Oregon—Rev. J. COPELAND.

General Association of New York—Rev. G. H. BAILEY.

The Convention was organized by the choice of

REV. E. H. BYINGTON, of New Haven, *Moderator*.

REV. GEORGE F. WRIGHT, of Bakersfield, *Scribe*.

REV. JOHN C. HOUGHTON, of Island Pond, *Assistant Scribe*.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

It was voted that the hours of meeting be 8.30, A.M., 2.30 and 7.30, P.M., and the hours of adjournment 12, M., and 5.30 and 9.30, P.M.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. R. Hall.

The following committees were nominated by the Moderator and elected by the Convention:

Committee of Overtures—Rev. L. H. Cobb, Bro. John Lyman, Rev. R. T. Searle, Dea. S. G. Steele, Rev. Messrs. J. Clement, D. D., C. E. Ferrin.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. Messrs. Lewis Grout, Edward T. Fairbanks, A. W. Wild.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies—Rev. Messrs. L. O. Brastow, L. H. Elliot, Bro. G. S. Fassett.

Auditor of Fairbanks Boards—Bro. G. W. Scott.

It was voted that a committee, consisting of one from each Conference, be appointed to nominate Register, Corresponding Secretary and Reporters.

The following persons were appointed:

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt; *Caledonia*—Rev. J. P. Humphrey; *Chittenden*—Rev. Austin Hazen; *Essex and Coos*—Rev. J. Eaton; *Franklin and Grand Isle*—Bro. G. S. Fassett; *Lamoille*—Rev. J. G. Bailey; *Orange*—Rev. J. K. Williams; *Orleans*—Rev. T. E. Ranney; *Rutland and Bennington*—Rev. R. S. Cushman; *Washington*—Rev. Leonard Tenney; *Windham*—Rev. Alfred Stevens; *Windsor*—Rev. S. P. Cook.

Committee on Assessments—Rev. Messrs. Joseph Chandler, A. B. Dascomb, Bro. E. D. Selden.

Committee on Abatements—Rev. Messrs. J. Copeland, M. H. Wells, Dea. A. D. Smith.

Committee to nominate the Fairbanks Boards—Rev. Messrs. Isaac Jennings, P. B. Fisk, Daniel Wild.

Delegates to Foreign Bodies reported:

To the General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Wm. S. Hazen.

To the General Conference of Maine—Rev. Alfred Stevens.

To the General Association of Wisconsin and Oregon—Rev. J. Copeland.

To the General Association of New York—Rev. G. H. Bailey.

To the General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. J. C. Houghton.

The Convention was addressed by delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

From the Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. A. J. Parker.

From the General Association of New York—Rev. George Anderson.

The Moderator responded.

The Corresponding Secretary read his report on the state of the churches, which was accepted, discussed and adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

A letter was read from the General Conference of Ohio, requesting correspondence with reference to the establishment of a stated National Congregational Council.

This invitation was responded to by a vote to appoint a committee of five to take the suggestion into consideration, and to nominate, if thought desirable, a committee to correspond with reference to it.

The following persons were appointed such committee:

Rev. Messrs. W. H. Lord, D. D., C. E. Ferrin, Joseph Chandler, A. Stevens, R. S. Cushman.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention opened with singing and prayer.

The question, "Is it expedient by employing Evangelists to have regard rather to the near fruits of Christian labor than to the remote?" was discussed by Rev. Messrs. E. H. Byington and P. B. Fisk, as leaders, and Rev. Messrs. J. Copeland, Daniel Wild, W. H. Lord, D. D., Joseph Torrey, H. F. Leavitt, J. Clement, D. D., Lewis Grout, W. W. Winchester.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Convention opened with prayer by Bro. Steele.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes were read, amended and adopted.

The committee to nominate Register, Corresponding Secretary, Reporters and Receivers, made the following nominations:

Register—Rev. Joseph Chandler.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Joseph Torrey.

REPORTERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt.

Rutland and Bennington Conference—Rev. P. S. Pratt.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. L. S. Watts.
Chittenden Conference—Rev. S. L. Bates.
Lamoille Conference—Rev. John G. Bailey.
Lancaster Conference—Rev. Joshua Eaton.
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. H. C. Riggs.
Orange Conference—Rev. John K. Williams.
Orleans Conference—Rev. A. W. Wild.
Washington Conference—Rev. W. S. Hazen.
Windham Conference—Rev. F. J. Fairbanks.
Windsor Conference—Rev. William Sewall.

The committee further recommended that the Reporters be the Receivers. The report was adopted.

A letter was read from the Trustees of Andover Theological Seminary, inviting this body to appoint a delegate to attend the examination of the Theological Seminary at Andover at the close of the year.

This invitation was responded to by a vote to apppoint a committee to nominate such delegates.

Rev. Messrs. Austin Hazen, W. W. Winchester and C. Thompson were appointed such committee.

A letter was read from the delegate from the General Association of Connecticut.

Voted to extend the salutations of this body, by telegraph, to the General Associations of Massachusetts, Maine and Connecticut.

Voted that an assessment of $200 be made upon the Conferences of the State for the expenses of the current year.

Several members were granted leave of absence.

The reports of the Fairbanks Boards were presented, accepted and adopted.

The Fairbanks Education Board respectfully present their thirteenth annual report, it being a summary of the Treasurer's account for the year ending May 31, 1870:

RECEIPTS.

Balance of old account	$334 47
Interest on investments	604 33
Remittance from L. C. Knapp	79 85
Total	$1,018 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to beneficiaries, as per schedule	$885 00
Balance carried to new account	133 65
Total	$1,018 65

ALDACE WALKER, *Chairman.*
W. W. THAYER, *Treasurer.*

Montpelier, June 21, 1870.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFICIARIES.

Names.	Where Studying.	Age.	Amount.
Ellory A. Baldwin...	Montpelier Academy.....	24	*$150 00
Josiah Kidder.....	Burr and Burton Seminary.....	20	100 00
J. R. Chalmers.....	K. U. Academy, Meriden, N. H.		120 00
J. B. Richardson....	Barre Academy.....	19	120 00
Sidney D. Jenks....	Burr and Burton Seminary....	17	25 00
James H. Hawley...	K. U. Academy, Meriden, N. H.	21	120 00
Truman B. Rice....	Barre Academy.....	21	120 00
Charles A. Smith....	Barre Academy.....	20	100 00
Charles F. Graves...	Underhill Academy.....	21	90 00
			$885 00

The above report of the Treasurer was audited by Bro. Geo. W. Scott.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF FAIRBANKS FUND FOR RELIEF OF NEEDY AND DESTITUTE CLERGYMEN.

Fairbanks Fund in account with J. G. Stimson, Treasurer.

CREDIT.

1869.		
June 16	By balance in Treasury.....	$279 65
June 26	" interest on S. R. Huse's note.....	72 00
Aug. 10	" " " H. D. Tucker's note.....	18 00
Sept. 24	" " " S. Ridley's note.....	120 00
Oct. 30	" " " A. L. Wood's note.....	42 00
Dec. 6	" " " E. W. Case's note.....	36 80
27	" " " T. O. Niel's note.....	12 08
1870.		
April 2	" " " J. Somerville's note.....	180 00
21	" " " R. J. Barber's note.....	90 00
	" " " A. Stone's note.....	30 15
June 16	" " " small sums.....	6 36
		$837 04

DEBIT.

1869.			
July 2	Appropriation to Rev. O. S. Hoyt.....	$100 00	
Sept. 8	" " " S. Williams.....	100 00	
	" " " A. Stewart.....	25 00	
16	" " " S. Morgan.....	100 00	
26	" " " J. Gleed.....	100 00	
Nov. 2	" " " L. S. French.....	50 00	
Dec. 10	" " " Nelson Bishop....	50 00	
1870.			
Jan. 21	" " " S. Marsh.....	50 00	
Feb. 17	" " " C. H. Kent.....	25 00	
June 16	Bank drafts, revenue stamps and letters..	3 00	
	Cash in Treasury.....	284 04	
			$837 04

*Including one quarterly allowance for previous year.

The fund is secured by real estate as follows:

S. R. Huse	$1,200 00	Albert Stone	$500 00
E. W. Case	600 00	James Somerville	3,000 00
S. Ridley	1,500 00	Lucius D. Parker	1,000 00
A. L. Wood	700 00	R. J. Barber	1,500 00

$10,000 00

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Moneys received from the churches for widows and orphans, and deposited in the Dartmouth Savings Bank, in Hanover, N. H.:

1869.			
	As reported June 16th in said Bank		$206 09
July.	Received of church in Rutland		54 83
Aug.	" " " West Rutland		16 00
"	" " " Brandon		12 00
Oct.	" " " Wallingford		10 00
"	" a friend in Pittsford		3 50
1870.			
Feb.	" ladies in Clarendon		5 00
May.	" church in Peacham		15 10
June.	" " " Pawlet		20 00

$342 52

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

This report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. Messrs. P. B. Fisk, A. B. Dascomb and H. P. V. Bogue were appointed a committee to extend the salutations ordered by telegraph.

Adjourned, to give place to the Anniversary of the Domestic Missionary Society.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The communion was administered by Rev. Messrs. Alfred Stevens and H. C. Riggs. After recess of ten minutes, Rev. C. E. Ferrin read an essay on "The duties of the churches to their non-resident members," which was further discussed by Rev. Messrs. W. W. Winchester, W. A. Robinson, J. H. Woodard, J. G. Bailey.

Voted that the essay of Mr. Ferrin be printed in the Minutes.

The following report of the committee to nominate the Fairbanks Boards was presented and adopted:

Board of Education.—Rev. Messrs. Edward T. Fairbanks, Aldace Walker, D. D., Henry Fairbanks, E. H. Byington, Bro. John C. Emery.

Board of Relief of Ministers.—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Bros. John B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, Dea. Amasa Woolson.

The Fairbanks Board for the relief of aged ministers reported as follows, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Fairbanks Board for the relief of "disabled and needy clergymen" respectfully submit the following report:

Our appropriations have usually been made during the sessions of the General Convention, or immediately after. The consequence has been, and especially the past year, that new applications have been made, all of which we have not been able to meet. This exigency can only be met by receiving all the applications before distribution, or retaining a portion of our fund to meet such exigency.

During the past year the Master has come and called the Rev. Otto S. Hoyt to his reward. He was one of the most equable and lovely of men, an earnest and devoted Christian, an able and faithful minister of the Gospel. For several years he was laid aside by paralysis, and received aid through your committee. Will not the heart of our beloved Fairbanks swell with new notes of praise and thanksgiving to God, as he welcomes one after another of his aided brothers to the new Jerusalem above? Oh, it is noble thus to live after we are dead!

Our receipts have been	$887 04
Disbursements	603 00
Now in treasury	$284 04

Our Treasurer's report will give the details of the names of the several recipients and the amounts each has received.

In reference to the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, your committee have not prosecuted any particular plan for the increase of our fund; but deemed it best, perhaps, to leave it to the benevolent sympathy and action of our ministers and churches annually. But we have been disappointed in the amount received. This, however, we do not regret so much, as the necessity of these widows and orphans has not been so pressing as to demand immediate aid hitherto. But *now* the time has come when their wants must be somewhat relieved, or suffering will ensue.

Your committee are happy to report the organization of a few female associations for this object, and fully believe, that if they could be extended to every church in the State, sufficiently officered, sufficient contributions might be secured to relieve the present necessities of these suffering members of Christ's household, and fill their hearts with thanksgiving to God. And the sisters in our churches are better adapted to this object than the brethren. They are less selfish, less cumbered, occupy a higher plane of spiritual being, feel more keenly the sufferings of others, and are more ready to heed the voice of the Master, "Feed my sheep, feed my lambs."

Your committee, perhaps, also ought to state that there are signs of encouragement in the moral heavens, that some, at least, are pondering the point of giving by will, or otherwise, to this object. But the question here arises, How shall it be done? Shall it be given *directly* to the General Convention, or to some person or persons in trust, for the disposition of the Convention by committee, or otherwise?

Your committee beg leave to say further, that in examining the Minutes of the Convention, they do not find any explicit authority for disbursing the funds contributed to this object. They now amount to $342 52, and there are worthy and needy applicants for the whole amount.

In closing, they would recommend to all the pastors and churches in the State to take an annual collection for this object, for present distribution, and to individuals, to contribute of their abundance to form a fund, the annual interest of which only shall be appropriated to this object. We have no doubt that this fact would relieve the anxieties of many of our self-denying and self-sacrificing ministers among our feeble churches, and especially in view of leaving their families destitute.

H. F. LEAVITT,
T. FAIRBANKS,
J. G. STIMSON.

The Committee appointed the previous year upon the History of the Churches reported as follows, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Committee on the History of the Churches respectfully present the following report:—

The manuscripts of the late Rev. Pliny H. White, relating to the history of the churches of this State, have been placed at the disposal of the committee, in accordance with the generous proposal made a year ago by Mrs. White.

The committee have placed these papers in the hands of Rev. Azel W. Wild, of Greensboro, and he has undertaken to carry on the work. He enters upon the work on the same footing as Mr. White, that is to say, as his own private enterprise. He does not ask the Convention to assume any pecuniary responsibility in the premises, and he proposes, in case he should fail to complete the work, to return the manuscripts, with such additions as he may have made, to the Convention.

It is right, however, that he should receive the hearty endorsement of the Convention, and that aid from its members in the prosecution of his researches which he will need.

The committee have learned that a postage bill of some thirty dollars was incurred by Mr. White, in collecting information relating to our churches. The representatives of our late brother do not ask us to make up this amount, but we think it just that they should receive it.

We recommend the passage of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That the Register of the Convention be instructed to convey to Mrs. P. H. White the thanks of this body, for her generosity in transmitting to its committee the manuscripts of her late husband, relating to the history of the churches; and also, that he be instructed to pay to Mrs. White the sum of thirty dollars, it being the amount expended for postage in making these collections.

Resolved, That the Convention has learned with satisfaction that Rev. Azel W. Wild has undertaken to carry forward the history of the churches of Vermont to completion; and that he is entitled to the cordial co-operation of the ministers and churches of the State in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. BYINGTON,
J. G. STIMSON,
C. S. SMITH,
HENRY FAIRBANKS.

MONTPELIER, June 22, 1870.

The Treasurer reported, and his report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ALDACE WALKER, *Treasurer, in account with the General Convention.*

DEBIT.

1869.				
June,	Cash on hand			$353 25
	Received from	Orange Conference		1 25
Sept. 15	"	"	Essex and Coos Conference	3 00
Dec. 11	"	"	Windsor Conference	26 47
1870.				
June 8	"	"	Rutland and Bennington Conference	33 88
21	"	"	Addison Conference	19 63
	"	"	Caledonia Conference	17 61
	"	"	Chittenden Conference	15 31
	"	"	Essex and Coos Conference	2 76
	"	"	Lamoille Conference	5 13
	"	"	Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	12 19
	"	"	Orange Conference	18 63
	"	"	Orleans Conference	13 69
	"	"	Washington Conference	13 73
	"	"	Windham Conference	20 97
Interest due at Rutland Savings Bank, July 1				7 80
				$565 30

CREDIT.

1869.			
Aug. 19	Paid for printing Minutes	$254 75	
	" wrapping paper and twine	4 32	
	" expressage	5 05	
	" bank check	33	
Sept. 11	" postage of Corresponding Secretary	2 60	
1870.			
June 21	" telegrams	66	
	" postage of Register	1 41	
	" programmes of meeting	3 50	
	Cash on hand	292 68	
			$565 30

Voted that an additional assessment of $50 be made upon the Conferences for expenses.

The Committee of Overtures reported the following resolutions, which were discussed and adopted:

Resolved, That the Fairbanks Board for the relief of "disabled and needy clergymen" be authorized to receive and disburse any funds that may be contributed by our churches or individuals to relieve the wants of widows and orphans of deceased ministers, preference being given to the widows and orphans of those ministers who have labored longest in this State.

Resolved, That we commend to the Congregational Churches of Vermont "The Women's Board of Missions," as a society particularly fitted to enlist the sympathies and apply the charities of Christian women in behalf of missions. And we recommend the organization of auxiliary societies, wherever practicable, among the women in our parishes, for co-operation with "The Women's Board of Missions."

Resolved, That the committee appointed to print the Minutes of this Convention be directed to provide a suitable form for blanks for the dismission of members to sister churches, and for return notice from said churches, and put the same in the hands of some publisher from whom the churches can obtain them.

After prayer by President Angell, the Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Fleming.

The roll was called, and the Minutes were read, amended and adopted.

The Committee on Nominations to Foreign Bodies reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Body to be visited.	Primary.	Substitute.	Association.
Vt. M. E. Conference....	Rev. G. B. Safford....	Rev. A. Hazen.....	Winooski.
Gen. Asso. Mich.....	Rev. S. W. Magill....	Rev. M. L. Severance.	Addison.
Gen. Asso. Mass.....	Rev. F. W. Olmstead.	Rev. Chas. Redfield..	Bennington.
Gen. Asso. Iowa & Kan..	Rev. L. O. Brastow...	Rev. E. T. Fairbanks.	Caledonia.
Gen. Asso. Conn	Rev. E. Wheelock....	Rev. J. G. Bailey.....	Lamoille.
Gen. Asso. Wis. & Oreg'n.	Rev. J. Eaton.....	Rev. J. Glines.....	Lancaster.
Gen. Asso. R. Island....	Rev. W. H. Lord, D.D.	Rev. Leonard Tenney	Montpelier.
Gen. Presby. Assem'y...	Rev. G. F. Wright....	Rev. C. C. Torrey....	Northwestern.
Gen. Asso. New York....	Rev. A. T. Deming...	Rev. C. M. Winch.....	Orange.
Cong'l Union, Canada...	Rev. Geo. H. Bailey..	Rev. A. W. Wild.....	Orleans.
Gen. Asso. Cal.....	Rev. C. B. Drake, D.D.	Rev. D. B. Bradford..	Royalton.
F. W. Bapt. Y. M.....	Rev. O. S. Morris.....	Rev. T. S. Hubbard...	Royalton.
Gen. Conf. Maine.....	Rev. W. T. Herrick...	Rev. Lewis Francis...	Rutland.
Vt. Bapt. Conf.....	Rev. A. Walker, D.D.	Rev. J. R. Bourne....	Rutland.
Gen. Conf. Ohio.....	Rev. A. B. Dascomb..	Rev. Wm. Sewall.....	White River.
Gen. Asso. N. H.....	Rev. Lewis Grout.....	Rev. Nath'l Mighill...	Windham.
Gen. Asso. Ind. & Ill....	Rev. N. Bishop.....	Rev. S. P. Cook.....	Windsor.
Missouri Asso.....	Rev. J. E. Goodrich...	Rev. C. E. Ferrin.....	Winooski.

The committee appointed to consider the suggestion concerning the establishment of a National Council, proposed in the letter from the Ohio Conference, reported as follows, which was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions of the General Conference of Congregational Churches of Ohio, have considered the same, and ask leave to report:

We most cordially sympathize with our sister churches at the West and on the frontier, in their work, and cheerfully admit that many of the difficulties and hardships to which they are subject, in the presence of other great overshadowing religious organizations, would be essentially modified were the object which they desire accomplished in the establishment of a "National Council of Congregational Churches in the United States, to meet at stated times." We also feel the force of the reasons which are given in favor of such a council, and believe that it might contribute much to the efficiency and the *esprit du corps* of our churches. But we question whether the simplicity of our polity, and the very qualities which have given the Congregational Churches so great influence and success in the peculiar work of Christ's kingdom, might not suffer somewhat in this departure from our usual course, and might not generate an ambitious and wordly tendency in our churches that would ultimately weaken our spiritual power, by as much as it enhanced our outward and political influence and character. We hardly feel prepared, therefore, to recommend as yet so great a change as the organization of a *permanent* National Council of our Churches would effect. Still, if the matter is to have general consideration and discussion in our Associations and Conferences, and it is to reach a definite and conclusive decision, we should not wish to be without influence in molding and shaping results that may so vitally affect the simplicity

and power of our Congregational Churches. We would, therefore, recommend the appointment of a committee of three, who, in case the matter shall receive a general consideration by our various Associations and Conferences and Conventions, and be carried speedily to some conclusive result, shall be authorized to speak for our Convention and to represent our interests and wishes in the matter, and who, in case such a plan is judged to be wise by the large proportion of our churches, shall use their influence to prevent such a council from the possession or exercise of any ecclesiastical authority or functions whatever, and shall see that the rights and liberties and privileges of our local churches suffer no detriment, and that this committee, without taking any conclusive action that shall commit our churches to the organization of such a *permanent* council, shall report to this Convention at its next session.

W. H. LORD, *for Committee.*

Rev. Messrs. W. S. Palmer, Aldace Walker, D. D., and Wm. H. Lord, D. D., were appointed the committee recommended in this report.

The Committee on Assessments reported as follows, which was adopted:

Addison Conference	$24 54
Caledonia Conference	22 01
Chittenden Conference	19 14
Essex and Coos Conference	3 45
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	15 24
Lamoille Conference	6 31
Orange Conference	23 29
Orleans Conference	17 11
Rutland and Bennington Conference	42 35
Washington Conference	17 26
Windham Conference	26 21
Windsor Conference	38 09

The Committee of Arrangements for next meeting reported as follows, which was adopted:

Place of Meeting—Newport.

Preacher—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Primary; Rev. L. H. Cobb, Substitute,

Discussion—Is not some change in the two-sermon system of Sabbath services advisable? Primary—Rev. Messrs. Lewis Francis, H. C. Riggs. Substitute—Rev. Messrs. C. Hamlin, J. K. Williams.

Essay.—Best means of increasing the permanence and power of the pastorate. Primary—Rev. G. B. Safford. Substitute—Rev. S. F. Drew.

The following resolution, presented by the Committee of Overtures, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire whether

our organization as a Convention has such a legal character as to make it safe for persons to give to it directly, by will or otherwise, money or land, or property of any kind, for specific benevolent purposes.

The following committee was appointed;

Hon. Julius Converse, of Woodstock, Rev. Messrs. H. F. Leavitt and Aldace Walker, D. D.

The committee to exchange salutations by telegraph reported the following:

The General Convention of Vermont to the General Conference of Maine, now in session at Yarmouth:

From the mountain to the sea we send our Jubilee greetings—"*all* the brethren greet you."

A. B. DASCOMB, *Delegate.*

To the General Convention of Vermont, Montpelier, Vt.:

General Conference of Maine returns your Jubilee greetings and reaches its arms from the sea to the mountains, to extend the congratulations of memorial year.

NELSON DINGLEY, JR., *Moderator.*

To the Massachusetts General Association:

To those around Plymouth Rock, Jubilee greetings. Pray that we experience, (Psalm lxxii: 16) "There shall be an handful of corn in the earth," &c., and may you and we always be able to say, (Deut. xxxii: 31,) "Their rock is not as our rock," &c.

P. B. FISK, *for Convention.*

To the General Convention Congregational Churches, Montpelier, Vt.:

Brethren of the hill country: Our assurance concerning you is written, Psalms, lxxii: 3. Our fellowship with you rests on 1st Corinthians x: 4.

E. S. ATWOOD,
Assist. Register, Mass. Gen'l Conf. Churches.

A vote of thanks was passed to Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., for his "long, faithful and highly satisfactory services as Register of this Convention."

Voted that the thanks of this body be given to the people of Montpelier for their hospitality in entertaining the members of this Convention, to the choir for their very acceptable services, and to the Vermont Central Railroad for free return tickets.

A letter was read from the General Association of New Hampshire.

The Convention took a recess of ten minutes.

The remainder of the forenoon session was occupied with services commemorative of the landing of the Pilgrims. An address was delivered by James B. Angell, LL. D.

Voted that the thanks of the Convention be returned to the speaker, and that a copy of his address be requested for publication in the Minutes.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer was offered by Rev. H. F. Leavitt.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The committee to nominate a delegate to attend the Andover Examinations nominated Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., and he was elected.

Voted that the Minutes be completed, and a committee be appointed to print three thousand copies.

Rev. Messrs. C. S. Smith, G. F. Wright and John C. Houghton were appointed such committee.

Rev. J. B. Davidson presented the salutations of the Congregational Conference of Ohio. The Moderator responded.

Rev. P. F. Barnard, the Sabbath School Secretary, presented his report, which was accepted.

Rev. W. S. Hazen, of Northfield, was appointed Sabbath School Secretary for the ensuing year.

Addresses were made by Rev. W. S. Palmer, Bro. H. D. Hopkins and Rev. Asa Bullard.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That on this fifth semi-centennial, this jubilee year of our Congregational Churches in America, we do humbly acknowledge the great debt of gratitude we owe to God for the precious principles of Christian and civil liberty, drawn from the Bible by our Pilgrim Fathers, and illustrated by their lives.

Resolved, That we more than ever rejoice in these principles, and we invoke the Spirit's aid to defend them and to give them over to our children and to the world.

Resolved, That we call upon all those to whom this Puritan inheritance has come, to hold it with Christian affection and fidelity, and to give themselves with full consecration to bring out its most effective power, for the good of man and the glory of God.

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches, during this jubilee year, to hold public services commemorative of the landing of the Pilgrims, and to take up contributions for giving greater efficiency to our Christian and educational institutions.

Convention adjourned after prayer.

E. H. BYINGTON, *Moderator.*

G. F. WRIGHT, *Scribe.*

JOHN C. HOUGHTON, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Our Congregational Convention exercises no legislative powers. Nor do we meet simply to take counsel for the interests of the churches. Nor is our annual meeting merely an occasion for the exchange of Christian greetings,—for renewing the acquaintances and strengthening the friendships of earlier days. But beyond all such objects the meeting of our Convention is a sacred festival for thanksgiving in view of the spiritual blessings of the year. Once a year we turn from our work to render united praise. We recount the tokens of the divine favor,—we tell of the goodness of God to us and to our churches,—we weave our experiences into glad songs of thanksgiving,—we gather up the trophies we have won, and offer them to Him, saying, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory." And every year of Christian work furnishes rich materials to strengthen our gratitude. And the song is full of variety. Sometimes we can tell of revivals—of the power of God's Spirit and the glory of his advancing work; sometimes we can tell of the faithful care of God, feeding his flock through long periods of waiting; sometimes we have learned the lessons of sanctified affliction—but every year the Lord is causing all things to work together for good to his people.

The report which we bring to-day is not all light,—certainly it is not all shade. It has been a year of progress—slow, perhaps, but real. Most of our churches have enjoyed the means of grace, and in very many of them there have been precious seasons when the spiritual powers have overshadowed them, and worldliness has been checked, and God's people have received a new impulse, and some souls have been brought into the kingdom,—while upon fifteen of our churches the Holy Spirit has descended with power, in two instances doubling the membership of a church,—in others giving strength to those that were ready to die,—and in others giving increased

power to those which were strong before. Thus the Lord has shown us that he is still walking in the midst of the golden candlesticks, and that he is not willing that their light should fade.

The twenty-eight churches within the bounds of Rutland and Bennington Conference bring one of the best reports of the year. A new church has been organized in Danby, with fifteen members. "The town has long been under the influence of unbelief and error,—the Sabbath has been habitually desecrated, profanity and other forms of immorality have abounded. Within about twenty years the Methodists have endeavored to change the course of things, but with indifferent success. Thinking that Congregationalism might prove more effective, a few Methodists and persons of other denominations have united in sustaining Congregational preaching, and in November last were organized into a church. They have held on in their work amidst bitter and persistent opposition,—have gathered an interesting Sabbath school,—have secured a minister who has a good report among our churches, and have hoped to build a parsonage." It is added that they have only an interest in a union church edifice, which is not quite what we could desire. Shall we not bear this young and feeble sister to the throne of grace, asking that she may win her way to the hearts even of her foes? The church in North Bennington, organized two years ago, is steadily growing, and has just settled her first pastor. Pastors have also been installed at Rutland and West Rutland. In Manchester they have demolished the old house of worship, and are building a new one, and in Wallingford the church has been improved at an expense of more than $1000. But better than all, five churches report seasons of special religious interest. In Sudbury "a series of religious meetings was held by Mr. Mudge, and four have been added to the church." In Brandon the additions to the church have been larger than during any previous year of the present pastorate, and there has been constant progress in the attendance at church and the Sabbath school. Some of the members in Clarendon were much quickened early in the year; prayer meetings have been of unusual interest, sometimes deep and tender. In connection with "revival meetings" held by Methodists, some of our people have been brought to Christ, and more recently the conversions have been more frequent, especially among the children and youth. Eleven have been added to the church by profession, and others are to come, and still the good work does not cease. The pastor and church in Castleton are very thankful. "In December the children in the Sabbath school began to feel an unusual interest in religious things, and children's prayer and inquiry meetings were held at the pastor's house. A convention of Young Men's

Christian Associations gave the work a new impulse. Sabbath school teachers were led to greater prayerfulness for their classes, and each session of the Sabbath school was closed with a brief but very solemn prayer meeting. The week of prayer was observed with unusual interest. The church set apart a day for fasting and prayer. Many began to inquire the way of salvation, and it is believed that twenty-five gave themselves to Christ, of whom eighteen have been gathered into the church." It is added that the Sabbath school is large, and takes the place of the second service on the Sabbath, and two flourishing Sabbath schools are maintained in the outlying districts. In Benson there has been a still larger work. After the week of prayer the families of the parish were visited for religious conversation and prayer. The number of meetings was increased as the religious interest extended. There was no help from abroad. Brethren and sisters were set to work; the latter gave a very great impetus to the prayer meetings. Yet more males than females were converted. Seven of the converts are more than fifty years of age, and three are more than sixty. The Methodist church has shared in the work, so that one-twelfth the entire population of the town has been gathered this year into these two churches. Fifty-seven have united with our church—forty-eight by profession,—the Sabbath-school has nearly doubled, and there are now some fifty young men in the Bible class. This Conference reports two hundred and forty-six gathered into eighteen churches, while seven churches have received no additions. The minister in East Dorset has closed his labors there, because the Methodists claim the house for the next year. Pittsford is without a pastor. Rupert has no resident minister. Sandgate reports "no minister and not much people," and that the Methodists occupy the house. The church in Chittenden has been opened but once during the year, and there has been but one addition to the church within ten years; yet there are a few who earnestly desire the means of grace, but are not able to support public worship.

If one had passed during the early winter from the scenes of revival in Benson, across the line into Addison Conference, through the adjoining town of Orwell, he would have found that the Lord was working graciously and powerfully in that parish also. For months the pastor and church had been preparing for the blessing. The pastor visited systematically from house to house. When the week of prayer came, the meetings were full and solemn. The third evening several desired to be remembered in the prayers of Christians. The work became general, and continued through the winter. The pastor had no ministerial aid, not even an exchange of pulpits with his neighbors, as they also were pressed by a similar

work. It is yet too soon to state in numbers the extent of the work, because the subjects of it have not been gathered into the church, but it has been such as to strengthen very much the people of the Lord. Passing from Orwell some twenty-five miles to the north-east, we enter the smallest flock in this Conference, and find another work of grace in Ripton. The pastor—full of years and of zeal—is disabled by a fall upon the ice, and laid upon his bed for the winter; but the seed he has been sowing is quickening. Brethren from Middlebury supply the pulpit, and every Sabbath evening the pastor gathers the people to his own house for a prayer meeting, conducting it himself while lying upon his bed. These were meetings of great interest. God was also using other means. A young man in a distant part of the town was sinking rapidly in consumption. The grace of God touched his heart, and he became a light and a power for good. His earnest exhortations to all who visited him, and his remarkable experience of faith in a forgiving Saviour, and joy and hope in the hour of dissolution, led others to Christ. A series of union meetings, conducted chiefly by Methodist brethren, was a means of extending the work. There were hopeful conversions, both among adults and young people, and family altars were set up in four households. The small church has been strengthened by the addition of four members, and these are but the first fruits. The debt for the meeting-house has been entirely canceled, partly by the people, and partly by a grant of $500 from the Congregational Union. The pastor at Shoreham writes cheerfully of the spiritual state of the church—of the fidelity and growth of the young Christians,—and bears a joyfull testimony to the power of grace, as shown in the conversion of an unbeliever eighty-six years of age, who learned to pray while on his death-bed, and who was baptized in the faith of the Gospel, and witnessed a good confession at the eleventh hour. The church in Vergennes is prospering under the labors of a new pastor. The church in New Haven is still without a pastor. In Middlebury a pastor has been called, and thirty-nine have been added to the church, twenty of them by profession. The Sabbath school is large and flourishing in Cornwall. The church in Bristol has lost its minister, and closed the house of worship in consequence, while the church in Ferrisburgh has gained the same minister and is prospering. "It has been a year of decided religious prosperity in Bridport, of Christian activity and growth in grace. Prayer meetings have been sustained in different parts of the town, and the Sabbath school has been enlarged." The cause of temperance has made progress in this town, and in some others in this county. Of Middlebury College the reporter says: "Our college is holding on its way successfully, and receiving sympathy and substantial aid

from living and dead benefactors, while some of the Christian students have manifested unusual readiness in bearing their part in the religious meetings of the church." The thirteen churches of this Conference have received one hundred and eight members during the year, sixty-four of them by profession.

The eighteen churches in Chittenden Conference all maintain public worship but two, and they report a year of spiritual prosperity, though not of large ingatherings. The first church in Burlington has received twenty-five—ten by profession. In Charlotte the religious interest of last year has been felt through the present year. Prayer meetings have been large and frequent, and often very solemn; the parish has been visited systematically by districts; a Young Men's Christian Association has been formed, the Sabbath school has grown in numbers and in power, and the new members of the church have been full of zeal, and have grown in grace. The acting pastor says: "Late in the fall a series of union meetings, under the direction of an evangelist, developed some special religious interest resulting in a few conversions." No conversions are reported in South Hero, "yet the spiritual state of the church is a pleasing one;" the week of prayer was observed in Essex, and some conversions have followed; there has been some religious interest in Milton, and eight or ten hopeful conversions. The church in Richmond seems a good deal awakened, and a few conversions are reported. There was a good degree of religious interest in Williston, in connection with the week of prayer, and two or three hopeful conversions. In Underhill a few have been brought to Christ, in connection with young people's prayer meetings in the academy, and this among young men who are soon to enter college. A new church of twenty-two members has been formed at Essex Junction, which number has since been increased by four. They have a large congregation and a flourishing Sabbath school. Most of the churches of this Conference are feeling their responsibility for the diligent cultivation of the fields in which they are planted, and for a faithful use of the means of grace, to secure the conversion of sinners.

The fourteen churches in Franklin and Grand Isle Conference report that there has been much spiritual prosperity without much special religious interest. All but one sustain public worship. A good work has been done at St. Albans Bay. "The church has been virtually disorganized for about seven years. Early in the year, the pastor of the first church entered upon a series of efforts for the purpose of reviving this second church, preaching for them, holding [redacted] meeting and gathering them from their [redacted]

induced to enter the field,—the scattered and dispersed members of the church were brought together—the faith and hope of God's chosen have been revived, and some conversions have occurred, and some are now waiting admission to the church. A very flourishing Sabbath school has been organized. There is reason to believe that this church will again stand among the living churches of our State. Twelve have been added to the first church in St. Albans. The church edifice in Swanton has been thoroughly remodeled at an expense of $10,000, which work has been completed amidst the utmost harmony of feeling, and the general condition of that church is better than for a long time; the Sabbath school is larger, and the congregation is remarkably regular. The Sabbath school in Highgate includes almost every member of the congregation, and all are deeply interested in the study of the life of Christ. There was an increase of religious interest for a short time in Georgia. "There has been a steady religious growth during the year in Enosburgh, and they are reconstructing their house of worship at an estimated expense of $6000." We have this report from Bakersfield: "In the early part of last fall a revival commenced in the poor-house, and extended to the whole neighborhood. Its beginning is traced to the faith and labors of a woman, —now an inmate of the poor-house,—who is a member of the church in Montgomery. (It was her own choice to go to the poor-house in preference to depending on the charitable offerings of her neighbors.) She is of extreme modesty of deportment, thoroughly versed in the scriptures, and of unwavering faith in the goodness of God. She rejoices that in her poverty she can work for Christ. As a result of that revival five persons have united with the church, four of them heads of families, and as many families have become regular attendants upon public worship. There is a crowded audience at the school-house once in two weeks at a preaching service, and the people maintain a fine Sabbath school. The whole moral atmosphere of the neighborhood is changed."

There are but two pastors and three acting pastors for the nine churches of Lamoille Conference. The pastor at Cambridge reports that the state of religion is "stationary," whatever that may imply. At Hydepark the church has made progress, the society employing the pastor every Sabbath, instead of half the time, and there is a good attention to preaching. A house of worship is greatly needed, —the services being held at present in the court-house. A good cabinet organ has been lately purchased. There is a good degree of religious interest at Stowe,—the people sustained public worship [illegible] without a minister, and were prospered.

The thirteen churches in Washington Conference have received larger blessings than usual. Eight are supplied with ministers. "There has been a good degree of religious interest in Montpelier, and twenty-five have been added to the church by profession. The Sabbath school has been larger than ever before; the general external interests of the church and society are prosperous, and a debt of $4000 has been recently paid." In Roxbury, a "religious interest commenced with the week of prayer, which was increased by a meeting of the county conference. The interest lasted several weeks. The members of the church were refreshed,—backsliders were reclaimed, and about twenty, it is hoped, were led to begin a life of prayer. The interest was suddenly dampened by violent opposition, which manifested itself in an unexpected manner. Against this the church is now contending earnestly and prayerfully." In Waterbury, there has been an extensive work of grace, in which all the churches have shared. "It began in the Methodist church, under the special labors of Mr. Nichols of Boston. After he left the pastors of the two churches performed all the labor, preaching frequently for each other. A daily union prayer meeting was maintained without interruption for six months. The result to the Congregational church has been a great increase of spiritual power and the accession of twenty-seven new members." There was unusual religious interest in Barre through the spring, and daily prayer meetings were held at the academy. The church in Northfield, although diminished by removals, has paid the last installment of a large debt, which had been a heavy burden for a number of years. The ordinances of the gospel have been maintained through the year with the usual interest. There was a little reviving in Waitsfield in the spring, and four or five hopeful conversions. "The gospel has been preached to an attentive audience in Plainfield, but the church has long been deficient in sustaining social religious meetings." The church in Marshfield "is small and weak. They have had only occasional preaching for a number of years, but expect preaching half the time in future, and hope to see better days." They have had no preaching the past year in Duxbury, but have secured the services of a student for the coming summer. In Worcester, also, they have had no preaching,—have been in a bad state, much discouraged, but within a few months there has been a new anxiety to secure a minister, especially in the ladies' sewing circle, and efforts are now making to obtain one. From the two churches in Berlin the report gives only figures, while Warren sends not even statistics.

Passing next into Orleans Conference, we are in the midst of a

most interesting group of churches. They number eighteen, the largest of them has but one hundred and thirty-five members, and the average membership is only seventy, and the grand list of some of those which support a permanent ministry is less than that of some individuals in our larger churches, and yet every church save one, if indeed we should except that one, maintains public worship; ten of them have settled pastors, and their contributions this year to objects of Christian benevolence exceed those even of the rich county of Addison. The pastor at Lowell writes: "Our contributions are small, for our means are small. The grand list of the church is about $200, and many farms are heavily encumbered. The sacrifices which the people make to support the gospel are such as they feel: $1200 has been raised to build a parsonage, and $150 for the Sabbath school. Our church is united and many of our members are very strong in the faith, and growing in grace." The reporter adds, "there is the greatest encouragement in its experience of struggles amidst difficulties. Many stronger churches would die in discouragement under half the obstacles it meets." The church in Charleston has secured a pastor, and they have been considering the question of dispensing with the aid they now receive from the Domestic Missionary Society, though the way does not seem to be quite open for that step. "The brethren live together in loving fellowship, determined by the grace of God to hold fast what they have gained, while they press forward toward greater things." "The meeting-house in Craftsbury has been thoroughly repaired. The religious interest of last summer resulted in quite an accession to the church, and special religious interest exists at present in an outlying district,—a neighborhood long prayed and labored for. Six or seven are rejoicing in hope, and others are inquiring." There have been three or four hopeful conversions in Greensboro, and the church is on the whole prosperous. There has been a decided increase in benevolent contributions in Barton; the Sabbath school has prospered as never before during the present pastorate, and during the week of prayer considerable religious interest was developed, and there were five or six hopeful conversions. The church in Brownington is said by the minister to be a giving church according to its means, and a working church, most of its members being ready to take their part in the prayer meeting. In Morgan the state of the church is hopeful. The week of prayer was observed with considerable interest. Their new members added during the year have brought a large accession of strength. Things are unusually encouraging in Newport. Three or four have been hopefully converted, and Christians are hoping that the Lord's chosen time to favor Zion will soon come. The church in Glover is united and prosperous. In Albany the mem-

bership of the church has almost doubled during the year. "An unusual religious interest began with the opening of summer. In September, the Baptist church secured the services of a revivalist, Mr. DeWitt, who held a series of meetings lasting two weeks, in connection with the Baptist and Congregational churches. These union meetings were continued by the pastors, as the interest seemed to demand, but it is stated that "at the examination of twenty-three for membership, only three attributed their change to the revival meetings." Among the fruits of the revival are a more perfect unity among the members, and a systematic arrangement of benevolent contributions. Prayer meetings are held weekly at four out-stations, and two at the church. Some of the statements are less hopeful. The church in Brighton is said to be in a bad condition,—has been supplied during the year by a Freewell Baptist minister who could be had cheap; but the experience has been on the whole a damaging one, and the church has secured a minister of their own order. The church in Coventry is now without a minister. Nothing of special interest at Derby. The church in Irasburgh has sustained public worship without a minister, and is said to be deficient in activity, and the churches in Troy report nothing of special interest. There is some slackness and division in Westfield, but there have been a number of hopeful conversions and additions to the church, and there is very little religious interest in Holland.

Two of the three churches in Essex Conference have lost their pastors during the year. From Guildhall we learn that the feeble band are much discouraged; while the church in Granby and Victory is repairing its house of worship. Meetings on the Sabbath have been well attended, and the social meetings are interesting.

The thirteen churches of Caledonia Conference have received a larger percentage of accession than those of any other Conference. Three churches report revivals. The pastor in Hardwick writes briefly as follows: "There was an interesting revival of religion here last fall. The work began in connection with the labors of Rev. H. G. De Witt, an evangelist. The meetings were union meetings, and were continued for about three months after the evangelist left, by the Congregational and Baptist churches. Large accessions have been received by both churches as the fruits," thirty-six in all having united with our church. Thus our brother has been permitted to gather a rich harvest. In Cabot the spirit of God was poured out in the early winter, and some forty were hopefully converted, about one half of whom have united with our church. The prayer meetings are much better attended and more spiritual, and the church is still looking for other blessings. The revival in East St. Johnsbury was

preceded by special pastoral work in visiting the families of the parish. "It began to develop itself decidedly during the week of prayer. Meetings were held four evenings a week for six weeks, and then the number was diminished. There was no preaching, except on a single occasion, and then by a neighboring pastor. God kept far ahead of all human efforts. The meetings were held in crowded rooms until it was necessary to remove to the church. As many as forty-five or fifty sometimes sought the prayers of Christians at a single meeting. A large number of the converts, especially those of mature age, seemed to be all ready to come into the kingdom, having had serious impressions for years, and they came joyfully as soon as the awakening season opened. The number of professed converts is not far from fifty. We received to our church, May 1st, forty-four, of whom forty-two came in by profession. The greater part are adults, heads of families and young men and women, the number of males exceeding that of females. It has nearly doubled the resident membership of the church and its moral strength. To God be all the glory." The other churches in St. Johnsbury enjoy about the usual prosperity. The week of prayer was observed with some interest, and there have been a few hopeful conversions. There has been no general work of grace in Peacham, but "there have been a few hopeful conversions, and the people seem to be more united in heart and purpose, and there is evidently an increase of humility and prayerfulness among the members of the church." There is a small increase in the congregation in Danville, and in the Sabbath school, and a few have been gathered into the church. The week of prayer was observed in Lyndon with unusual interest. A new congregation has been gathered at Lyndonville, and public worship has been maintained at that village for some months, with a congregation of two hundred and a Sabbath school of one hundred and fifty, and it is expected that a new church will be organized. The church in Burke has been weakened by death and removals, yet they still hold the ground, and some souls have been given them as the reward of Christian fidelity. There has been a change in the ministry at McIndoes Falls, the aged minister retiring to give place to a younger man. There has been much religious interest, and it is hoped a few conversions. The church in Waterford have built a parsonage at the cost of $2500. All the churches of this Conference sustain public worship, and there is only one vacancy in the ministry.

We have a less cheering report than usual from the twenty churches of Orange Conference. Yet one church, Chelsea, reports a revival which commenced with the week of prayer. Union meetings were held five or six weeks, and some thirty or forty were hopefully

converted in the two societies. The report says the work was quiet and thorough and greatly encouraging to the people of God, who worked so harmoniously to promote it. The church in Wells River village has received twenty-four, and expects to receive a further accession soon. The enlargement of the house of worship has been completed, at an expense of $5000, and the house is now as full as before. "There have been a few hopeful conversions in the academy" at Thetford. At Corinth the society support their minister without aid from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and the state of religion is quite encouraging. Union meetings were held during the week of prayer in Newbury, and much good was done, as a result of which a few will soon unite with the church. West Newbury has been without a minister for six months, but is now supplied. "There were signs of refreshing in the winter at Randolph, but the hopes were not realized. The churches in Brookfield are making good progress. Brookfield 2d has settled a pastor, and during the winter there was a season of quickened religious interest. Father Nichols preaches in Braintree as his strength will allow. There have been five hopeful conversions in Tunbridge, while one-eighth of the resident members have been removed by death. There are no marked results at Bradford, but they long for such display of God's power as they have witnessed in former years. The society in West Randolph has expended $1200 in purchasing a bell and clock. The report from Strafford is as follows: "Without a minister—trying to find somebody to come and be our pastor—at ease in Zion." From Vershire—"no preaching, no Sabbath school, no contribution,—expect some preaching soon." There has been no special interest at Post Mills, but occasional conversions. At Williamstown, "the pastor, after a ministry of fourteen years, has been dismissed. Six have united with the church. Amid discouragements and trials there have been encouraging things."

Windsor Conference reports twenty-five churches, into which one hundred and twenty have been gathered during the year. For the first time in a number of years, the removals are more numerous than the additions. The materials furnished for a report of the state of the individual churches are very meager—from most of them only figures. Five of them are reported vacant. The church in Stockbridge has received four by profession. The church in Pittsfield was deeply afflicted by the sudden death of its minister. Five members have united with the new church in South Royalton, and the church in Sharon has been strengthened by the accession of six, the first fruits of the labors of their new minister. There is unity and spiritual prosperity in Woodstock, and some have been gathered into

the church. There has been preaching only a few months of the year in Bridgewater, but the congregation has been good. The church in White River village has sympathized with its pastor in his ill health, and relieved him from a part of his work. The congregation in Hartland has been very largely increased, and a new class of people have been brought to the sanctuary. The church in Windsor still feels the influence of the revival of last year. A new pastor has been settled, very promptly and with great harmony, and the Lord is already permitting him to see the fruits of his ministry. A new church of twenty-two members has been formed at Ascutneyville, in the town of Weathersfield, where there is a good field for its influence. Three members have been gathered into the small church in Plymouth, and five into that in Weathersfield. The church in Springfield has received twenty-three, of whom seventeen have united by profession; and it has also increased very considerably its benevolent offerings. Although none of these churches can speak of revivals, the reporter states that "the accounts which have been brought in of the state of religion, have indicated a delightful harmony of feeling in the churches, and there have been in many of them seasons of spiritual quickening—especially during the week of prayer—which have acted strongly and healthfully on the piety of their members, and brought individuals to the Saviour. Preaching, we believe, was never more earnest and tender and direct than now, and the people listen prayerfully."

The twenty-five churches of Windham Conference have a much more favorable report than they made a year ago. The church in Putney has enjoyed a season of revival, which began with the week of prayer. "Union meetings were held through the week, which were continued, once a week, through the winter. Large numbers attended, and the Spirit of God was present, with his converting power. The most of those who manifested an interest in their souls are now rejoicing in hope, and twenty-five have been gathered into the church. The Spirit of the Lord is still lingering with us, and we hope a richer blessing is yet in store for us." The pastor in Westminster East writes: "We were favored with the special presence of the Holy Spirit during and subsequent to the week of prayer. Extra meetings were held for several weeks. The results were more manifest in the awakening and quickening of Christians than in the conversion of sinners." At Fayetteville "there has been an addition of twelve members to the church. A religious interest commenced with the week of prayer, and the state of religion is quite hopeful." From Jamaica we learn of a growing interest and increasing prosperity. The church is now self-sustaining, its members having made

praiseworthy sacrifices to that end, and received corresponding spiritual blessings. The meeting-house at "Cambridgeport has been repaired, the Sabbath school has increased, and there have been two conversions. Four have been gathered into the church in Wardsboro, and the prospects of that flock are brightening." In Wilmington the session of a Christian convention was the beginning of a season of refreshing which slowly increased during the winter. In the spring it suddenly and greatly expanded, and many have been hopefully converted in all congregations. It is hoped that as many as fifty or sixty have entered upon a new life. The evangelist, DeWitt, also labored very successfully for twelve days, about the first of May. There is a good state of feeling among members of the church in Brattleboro, with encouraging signs of the presence of the Spirit, and of his power in the heart.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Passing now to the general results, pastors have been dismissed, during the year, from New Haven, Bristol, Pittsford, Benson, Sheldon, Stowe, Irasburgh, Guildhall, Lunenburgh, Chelsea, South Royalton, Quechee, Windsor and Townshend—fourteen in all. Pastors have been installed in Vergennes, North Bennington, Rutland, West Rutland, Danville, Charleston, Brookfield 2d, Windsor and Saxton's River—nine in all. The number of dismissions has exceeded that of settlements—reducing the number of pastors by five.

NEW CHURCHES.

New churches have been formed at Essex Junction, at Ascutneyville in the town of Weathersfield, and at Danby—three in all.

DESTITUTE CHURCHES.

Thirty-six churches are reported vacant. Some of these are among our stronger churches, and will soon supply themselves with a permanent ministry. Something more than half the remainder are supplied by the Itinerant Department of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. But there are others which show no signs of life. They do not even answer at the annual roll-call of the Convention, to indicate their wish to share the prayers and sympathies of the sister churches. They have a name to live, but we call their names in vain. The Conferences will do well to make inquest, and if the case be really hopeless, to give authority to the Secretary to strike their names from the list of churches.

GENERAL RESULTS.

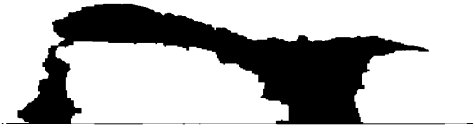
We have 199 churches upon the roll; three more than last year. One hundred and ninety-one of these have reported this year. There are seventy-four pastors, six of whom sustain a merely nominal relation, and eighty-three acting pastors, and fifty-five ministers without charge, making 212 in all.

The whole number gathered into the churches this year, is 1,223. Of these, there have been by profession 789, by letter 434. Every Conference reports a net gain except Essex, which has lost nine; Lamoille, in which the additions just balance the removals, and Windsor, which has lost sixteen. The net gain in the whole State is 444, and the whole number of members is 18,756. One-fifth of this number are below the age of thirty years. The number of deaths reported is 314, of dismissions 450, of exclusions fifteen, making the whole number of removals 779. The number of adults baptized is 465; of infants 269.

The Sabbath schools report 20,219 members; the average congregations amount to 22,070. The benevolent contributions foot up $43,154 79. Nearly every church reports the number of families connected with the congregation, and the whole number is 11,354. If we allow four persons to a family, this shows 45,416 as the number of persons in connection with our congregations.

In preparing my fifth and last annual report—for I am not a candidate for re-election—I have been interested to learn the progress which has been made during the five years last past. The most noticeable fact is the rapid changes in the ministry. In 1865 we had in active service in the State 144 ministers. Of these almost one-half have removed from the State, a few have retired from the ministry, and less than half the whole number are now in service in this State. The places of those who have removed are supplied by new men. In 1865 there were seventy-five pastors. Thirty-nine of these have since been dismissed, and of this number of thirty-nine only two or three have been re-settled in the State. Almost without exception when our pastors are dismissed they remove from the State. Of those settled in our larger churches we have lost from Vermont, Drs. Tyler, Parker and Seaver, Rev. Messrs. Hough, Smart, Mix, Hyde, Burton, Hulburt and Cummings, not to mention many others whom the State could ill afford to spare. I suppose the majority of the members of this Annual Convention were not in the State in 1865. During this time the number of pastors settled has just about equaled the number dismissed.

The membership of the churches has increased about ten per cent. in five years, the net gain being about 1,600. Within this time we



have received on profession of faith 4,766, and by letter 2,283, making a total of 7,049.

The increase in the numbers attending the Sabbath schools has been twenty-three per cent., and the increase in benevolent contributions has been fifteen per cent. There is no doubt also that the churches are in a much better position pecuniarily. The houses of worship have been enlarged and remodeled, several costly churches, like the beautiful one in which we meet to-day, have been erected, and a large number of parsonages have been purchased. These five years have been years of revivals. The churches have awakened from a long period of inaction, and have developed new energies. The gospel has been carried into the neglected neighborhoods. The power of the laymen has been put forth, and the result has been a larger increase than has been granted before for many years. Let us return thanks for the divine favor which has been granted us, and let us learn from God's dealings with us, the secret of religious growth.

E. H. BYINGTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New Haven, Vt., June 18, 1870.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Two of the ministers of the State have died this year.

Rev. SAMUEL SPARHAWK died very suddenly Nov. 8, 1869, in his sixty-eighth year. He was born in Rochester, Vt., Jan. 1, 1802, and began his religious life at an early age. His Christian impulses turned his thoughts toward the ministry, and he endeavored to prepare himself by a course of education. But some providential changes in his family made it necessary for him to engage in secular pursuits, and he became a useful deacon instead of a minister. Using this office well, he purchased to himself the other degree. The providential obstacles were removed, and he studied theology for a few months with Rev. Calvin B. Noble of Rochester, and was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Pittsfield, March 19, 1839, Mr. Noble preaching the sermon. He was dismissed after a ministry of about two and a half years. He soon removed to West Randolph, where he labored faithfully and successfully for ten years, with an interval of one year which he spent in the service of the Bible Society. His

labors were greatly blessed in strengthening that feeble church. He went to Randolph Center in 1852, where he preached for three years, and then returning to West Randolph he served that church six years longer—making sixteen years in all. He afterwards preached three years in Stockbridge, and five or six in Pittsfield, his first parish. Mr. Sparhawk was a man of warm piety, a good preacher, earnest and practical, with rare tact in conducting social meetings. His ministry of about thirty years was devoted to the feeble churches, which he served in the spirit of the Great Master, who has now called him to his reward.

Rev. Otto Smith Hoyt died at his home in New Haven, Vt., Nov. 13, 1869, in his seventy-seventh year. He was born in New Haven, Vt., May 22, 1793, was graduated at Middlebury College, 1813, pursued his theological studies at Andover and Princeton, after which he preached for a few months in Utica, N. Y. He was ordained and installed at Hinesburgh, Vt., Sept. 30, 1818, his pastor, Rev. Josiah Hopkins, preaching the sermon. Hinesburgh was his only parish, although he was dismissed on account of the failure of his voice, Feb. 3, 1829, and was occupied in teaching, and in the duties of the agency of the American Education Society, for about eight years. When his health was fully restored he was recalled to Hinesburgh, installed Feb. 28, 1838, and continued the pastor of that church until April 14, 1854,—a pastorate of twenty-six and a half years in both periods. He removed at once to the home of his childhood, in New Haven, and engaged in teaching for a few years. In 1859 he was stricken with paralysis, from which he recovered only partially; and was never after able to perform any public duties. Mr. Hoyt was tutor of Middlebury College 1814-15, a member of the corporation of the University of Vermont 1823-33, and of Middlebury College 1841, until his death. In 1841 he preached the Convention sermon at Woodstock.

For me to speak of Mr. Hoyt as a minister, would be to describe the minister of my earlier years,—the only pastor I ever had, the pastor who led me to the fold of Christ,—from whom also my impressions of the work of the ministry were almost entirely derived. One who knew him as an associate in the ministry writes: "An impressive earnestness of manner characterized his style of preaching. His sermons, carefully composed, were full of solid Christian instruction. He was in doctrine strictly evangelical, clear and concise in his exposition of divine truth, close and pungent in his application of it. In hearing him you felt that his whole heart was in the work. Mr. Hoyt was greatly beloved by all his brethren belonging to the circle of ministers with whom he was accustomed to associate. We always felt enlivened by his presence at our associational meetings. He argued soundly, advised judiciously, criticised modestly but discriminatingly, and by his whole manner he set an example of gravity and moderation which was infectious and gave tone to every deliberation." He was a good man, with much of the gentleness of the Master. Let his works praise him.

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ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

1869, June	29	Essex Junction, in Essex	36 members.
Nov.	4	Danby	15 members.
Dec.	15	Ascutneyville, in Weathersfield	18 members.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

1869, May	19	Rev. A. C. Childs	Charleston.
July	1	Rev. Charles W. Thompson	Danville.
Nov.	28	Rev. H. P. V. Bogue	Vergennes.
1870, Jan.	12	Rev. James R. Bourne	Rutland West.
Jan.	12	Rev. John G. Wilson	Saxton's River.
March	23	Rev. Silas P. Cook	Windsor.
April	21	Rev. James G. Johnson	Rutland.

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1869, Aug.	19	Mr. William A. Bushee	Brookfield North.
Oct.	13	Mr. Henry C. Weston	Bennington North.

MINISTERS ORDAINED WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

1869, June	23	Mr. Eugene J. Ranslow	Swanton.
July	29	Mr. Henry M. Whitney	Williston.
1870, May	11	Mr. William H. Wolcott	Shoreham.
June		Mr. John P. Demeritt	Albany.

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

1869, May	12	Rev. George P. Byington	Benson.
June	28	Rev. Myron A. Munson	Pittsford.
June	29	Rev. George B. Tolman	Sheldon.
July		Rev. John H. Woodward	Irasburgh.
Aug.	17	Rev. James T. Ford	Stowe.
Sept.	8	Rev. Ezra H. Byington	Windsor.
Sept.	28	Rev. J. W. Kingsbury	Quechee.
Dec.		Rev. Daniel W. Fox	South Royalton.
Dec.	13	Rev. Alanson L. Barton	Townshend East.
Dec.		Rev. Calvin B. Hulburt	New Haven.
Dec.	30	Rev. W. A. James	Chelsea.
1870, Jan.		Rev. A. B. Lyon	Bristol.
Jan.		Rev. James R. Bourne	Lunenburgh.
April	18	Rev. James Laird	Guildhall.
May	4	Rev. Pliny F. Barnard	Williamstown.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1869, Nov.	8	Rev. Samuel Sparhawk	died in	Pittsfield
Nov.	13	Rev. Otto Smith Hoyt	died in	New Haven.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. HARVEY F. LEAVITT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. under 30 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	No. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Addison	Nov. 24, 1804	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bridport	June 30, 1790	W. W. Winchester,	P.	Mar. 23, 1854	1867	71	125	196	39	54	9	4	13	3	2	0	5	7	1	300	250	$154 50	130
Bristol	July 8, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	27	49	76	14	14	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	....	75	.....	26
Cornwall	July 15, 1785	S. W. Magill,	A. P.	1836	1867	57	119	176	20	35	7	3	10	1	4	0	5	5	0	100	125	272 22	60
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 26, 1824	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	Feb., 1858	1870	18	45	63	5	24	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	0	90	70	20 00	42
Middlebury	Sept. 5, 1790	{ Geo. N. Webber, E. P. Hooker,	A. P. P.Elc	Dec. 5, 1855	1869	137	257	394	52	50	20	19	39	7	7	0	14	12	2	180	300	354 96	150
New Haven	Sept. 29, 1800	Ezra Brainard,	.....	Licentiate.	1870	94	152	246	36	50	2	2	4	6	5	0	11	0	0	130	150	.....	90
Orwell	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	.....	1869	69	107	176	21	60	6	1	7	0	3	0	3	2	0	100	150	247 87	70
Ripton	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent,	P.	Oct. 22, 1828	1861	26	38	64	17	21	7	0	7	0	4	0	4	4	0	50	52	66 00	35
Salisbury	Feb. 8, 1804	Alanson S. Barton,	A. P.	Oct. 29, 1862	1870	18	39	57	0	4	5	2	7	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	75	16 50	36
Shoreham	Mar. 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	P.	Dec. 28, 1859	1864	36	85	121	13	13	4	2	6	3	9	1	13	4	1	80	125	219 00	60
Vergennes	Sept. 17, 1793	H. P. V. Bogue,	P.	July 25, 1866	1869	64	138	202	28	38	0	7	7	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	180	181 00	129
Weybridge	1794	H. D. Kitchel, D.D.	A. P.	1839	1867	28	46	74	8	29	4	1	5	2	3	0	5	4	2	70	75	47 63	29
13		5 Pastors, 5 A. P.				645	1200	1845	253	392	64	44	108	29	41	1	71	38	6	1300	1627	$1,379 68	857

Ministers without charge.—Joseph Steele, H. F. Leavitt, Daniel Ladd, Prof. Solon Albee, Eben Smith, John Steele, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Ordained—H. P. V. Bogue, Vergennes, September, 1869; Wm. H. Wolcott, Shoreham, May 11, 1870.

Deceased—Otto S. Hoyt, New Haven. *Dismissed*—A. B. Lyon, Bristol; C. B. Hulbert, New Haven.

Licentiate—Prof. Ezra Brainard, Jr., Middlebury.

2. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. Joseph Torrey.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors. or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. under 30 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev 'nt Contribu tions.	No. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Barnet, (M.I.F.).	Oct. 22,	1829	S. G. Norcross,	A. P	Oct. 11,	1855	1869	17	77	94	32	18	1	0	1	2	4	0	6	1	1	80	110	$41 00	100
Barnet	Sept. 14,	1858	Lyman S. Watts,	A. P.	Feb. 7,	1866	1867	29	78	107	24	30	12	5	17	1	2	0	3	9	3	200	....	211 00	65
Burke	Mar. 1,	1807	Joseph Underwood	A. P.	March 8,	1826	1869	19	24	43	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	90	.....	30
Cabot	Oct. 25,	1801	S. F. Drew,	P.	Oct. 18,	1857	1860	56	99	155	20	33	20	5	25	2	5	0	7	11	2	115	165	200 00	65
Danville	Aug.	1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	July 1,	1869	1869	29	55	84	22	7	7	5	12	1	4	0	5	3	1	112	131	81 75	74
Hardwick	July 29,	1803	Joseph Torrey,	P.	May 30,	1860	1860	49	101	150	18	55	33	3	36	1	4	0	5	24	4	170	140	247 87	83
Lyndon	Nov. 30,	1817	Moses H. Wells,	A. P.	Nov. 19,	1845	1866	22	66	88	34	11	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	88	94	141 97	63
Peacham	April 14,	1792	Perrin B. Fisk,	P.	Oct. 1,	1863	1866	77	156	233	42	46	8	1	9	5	5	3	13	4	3	355	250	439 94	150
St. Johnsbury 1st	ov. 21,	1809	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	Jan. 1,	1868	1867	24	73	97	10	13	1	3	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	117	60 00	69
St. Johnsbury 2d	April 7,	1825	E. C. Cummings,	P	Mar. 17,	1850	1860	105	197	302	71	....	2	3	5	0	7	0	7	1	0	330	268	4897 63	125
St. Johnsbury S.	Oct. 23,	1851	Lewis O. Brastow,	P.	Jan. 10,	1861	1861	78	127	205	44	32	6	6	12	3	7	0	10	3	7	210	263	4359 33	120
St Johnsbury E.	Nov. 25,	1840	J. P. Humphrey,	P.	Feb. 3,	1847	1868	61	69	130	22	....	45	3	48	0	4	0	4	28	0	200	175	225 00	91
Waterford	May 30,	1798	Edward P. Stone,	A. P.		1851	1870	42	64	106	35	20	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	80	100	26 00	50
13			8 Pastors, 5 A. P.					608	1186	1794	381	275	136	37	172	16	47	3	66	84	21	2080	1903	$10,931 49	1085

Ministers without charge.—W. W. Thayer, Prof. Henry Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury; Moses B. Bradford, McIndoes Falls;
Ordained.—Charles W. Thompson, Danville, July 1, 1869.

3. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. Bates.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs					Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contribu-tions.	No. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No. under 30 years.	Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Burlington 1st...	Feb. 21, 1805	Edward H. Griffin,	P.	Feb. 6, 1868	1868	108	209	317	55	75	10	15	25	4	6	0	10	5	5	225	375	$1,302 75	160
Burlington 3d....	Nov. 4, 1860	George B. Safford,	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1860	33	71	104	14	30	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	4	6	65	200	352 70	60
Charlotte.....	Jan. 3, 1792	Charles W. Clark,	A. P.	June 13, 1861	1869	42	93	135	25	36	9	6	15	3	2	0	5	7	4	166	140	245 00	75
Colchester.....	1804	Charles M. Seaton,	A. P.	Sept. 28, 1837	1869	12	58	70	21	20	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	74	55	56 00	30
Essex	Oct. 3, 1791	Andrew J. Willard,	A. P.	April, 1857	1867	37	61	98	20	26	4	0	4	2	1	1	4	3	3	82	80	75 00	38
Essex Junction .	June 29, 1869	Andrew J. Willard,	A. P.	April, 1857	1867	10	18	28	3	9	14	14	28	0	0	0	0	8	0	150	125	.....	60
Hinesburgh.....	May 20, 1789	Clark E. Ferrin,	P.	Dec. 10, 1851	1856	31	59	90	34	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	80	80	155 77	50
Jericho 1st.....	Mar. 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	Mar. 29, 1860	1864	32	56	88	17	9	1	1	2	5	3	0	8	0	0	195	120	250 00	95
Jericho Corners..	Aug. 31, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	25	33	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	....
Milton.....	Sept. 21, 1804	John H. Woodward	A. P.		1837	1869	11	30	41	4	4	3	2	5	0	1	0	1	3	1	130	130	.....	86
Milton West.....	Feb. 28, 1853	John H. Woodward	A. P.		1837	1870	8	13	21	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	60	.....	23
Richmond.....	Sept. 24, 1801	Josiah L. Litch,	A. P.	April 7, 1867	1870	8	23	31	7	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	75	.....	37
South Hero.....	1795	Orville G. Wheeler	P.	Nov. 5, 1840	1840	22	54	76	8	19	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	1	100	100	125 00	....
Underhill.....	Dec. 27, 1801	Samuel L. Bates,	P.	Mar. 23, 1864	1863	33	43	76	15	23	1	0	1	4	6	0	10	0	0	125	115	100 00	60
Underhill North..	Dec. 19, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	3	8	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	....	....	.....	....
Westford.....	Aug. 7, 1801	Geo. P. Byington,	A. P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1869	24	60	84	14	12	2	2	4	2	2	0	4	1	0	130	140	180 00	80
Williston.....	Jan. 23, 1813	J. L. Maynard,	P.	Jan., 1841	1865	32	55	87	6	32	5	0	5	1	8	0	9	2	0	155	88	152 65	45
Winooski.....	Nov. 9, 1836	Lester H. Elliot,	P.	May 2, 1866	1866	21	50	71	16	19	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	115	120	81 60	95
18		7 Pastors, 9 A. P.				475	986	1461	270	339	52	44	96	26	37	1	64	35	24	1917	2003	$3,076 46	894

Ministers without charge—John H. Worcester, D. D., James Buckham, John K. Converse, John E. Goodrich, Henry A. P. Torrey, Burlington; J. C. Wild, Charlotte; Samuel Marsh, Eben C. Birge, Underhill; A. Fleming, Constable, N. Y.; Moses Parmelee, **Missionary to Turkey.**

***Ordained*—Henry M. Whitney, July 20, 1869, Williston.**

***Licentiates*—Mathew H. Buckham, Edward Hungerford, Burlington; Geo. N. Abbott, Newbury.**

4. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. JAMES LAIRD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.		Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. under 30 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	No of Families.
							Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Guildhall.....	1799	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	1868	20	50	70	20	9	2	0	2	4	3	1	8	0	2	75	95	$50 00	55
Granby & Victory	1825	Joshua Eaton,	A. P.	Dec. 1,	1841	1868	17	27	44	6	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	55	64 68	25
Lunenburgh....	1802	L. W. Harris,	A. P.		1842	1870	40	96	136	22	24	3	2	5	3	3	1	7	3	....	110	150	42 50	65
3		2 A. P.					77	173	250	48	44	5	2	7	8	6	2	16	3	2	245	300	$157 18	145

Minister without charge—Jeremiah Glines.

Dismissed—J. R. Bourne, Lunenburgh; James Laird, Guildhall, April 18, 1870.

5. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. Herman C. Riggs.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.		MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.		Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. under 30 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev.'nt Contributions.	No. of Families.
								Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Let'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Alburgh..	Feb. 18,	1824	Calvin B. Cady,	A. P.																					
Bakersfield	July 3,	1811	George F. Wright,	P.	Aug. 26,	1863	1862	46	81	127	20	30	10	0	10	1	0	0	1	6	4	150	125	$142 00	65
Berkshire East	July 15,	1820	Elias W. Hatch,	P.	Sept. 25,	1866	1866	34	19	53	5	9	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	4	5	100	70	88 00	34
Enosburgh	Oct. 11,	1811	Alfred B. Swift,	A. P.	Jan. 7,	1853	1861	55	73	128	33	40	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	1	8	145	100	315 00	45
Fairfield	Sept. 22,	1800	Daniel Wild,	A. P.	July 1,	1830	1867	8	17	25	2	5	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	1	0	52	50	95 00	27
Franklin	Oct. 9,	1817	Joseph R. Munsill,	A. P			1868	13	27	40	3		0	1	1							57	75	80 00	30
Georgia	Nov. 7,	1793	Charles C. Torrey,	P.	Sept. 7,	1855	1868	27	56	83	0	16	6	1	7	3	3	0	6	4	0	99	130	165 00	64
Highgate	Oct. 28,	1811	Elam J. Comings,	A. P.	Sept.,	1841	1867	19	43	62	5	11	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	1	1	135	100	58 00	52
Montgomery	July 15,	1817	Sewall Paine,	P.	Feb. 22,	1843	1843	19	33	52	[illegible]	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	51	12 70	22
North Hero			S. H. Williams,	P.																					
Sheldon	Aug.,	1816	Amos J. Samson,	A. P.	Feb. 15,	1843	1869	22	27	49	8	18	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	49	70	167 70	28
St. Albans 1st	Jan. 2,	1803	Herman C. Riggs,	P.	May,	1857	1868	79	158	237	26	62	4	8	12	4	6	0	10	2	9	250	400	3,698 26	125
St. Albans 2d	May 26,	1841	Edw'd Hungerford		Licentiate.		1870	15	22	37	10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	95		
Swanton	Jan. 4,	1800	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	June 23,	1869	1869	41	88	129	27	28	1	5	6	3	2	0	5	0	0	142	130	208 00	56
14			6 Pastors, 7 A. P.					378	644	1022	142	230	32	19	51	17	16	0	33	19	29	1339	1396	$5,029 66	548

Minister without charge—Lyndon S. French, Franklin. *Ordained*—Eugene J. Ranslow, Swanton, June 23, 1869.

Dismissed—George B. Tolman, Sheldon.

6. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. G. BAILEY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. under 30 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev 'nt Contributions.	No. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Let'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Cambridge.....	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	P.	Jan. 23, 1856	1856	15	23	38	....	....	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	75	125	$130 00	55
Eden.....	Oct. 25, 1812	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Hydepark.....	March 5, 1863	J. G. Bailey,	P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1862	8	20	28	3	5	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	94	75	49 00	45
North Hydepark.	Sept. 9, 1858	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	9	26	35	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	60	16 00	40
Johnson.....	Sept. 20, 1817	Fred Oxnard,	A. P.	May, 1861	1868	42	85	127	25	25	1	3	4	0	5	0	5	0	0	175	250	.....	80
Morristown	July 14, 1807	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	28	64	92	14	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	100	40 00	50
Stowe.....	1818	Benj. F. Perkins,	A. P.	1865	1870	32	67	99	15	32	10	2	12	1	3	1	5	7	1	115	108	142 56	75
Waterville.....	1823	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	5	20	25	....	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	....	....	.....	....
Wolcott.....	1818	H. Herrick,	A. P.	Sept. 1, 1844	1860	15	36	51	10	2	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	2	0	55	67	16 00	34
9		2 Pastors, 3 A. P.				154	341	495	70	81	15	7	22	6	15	1	22	11	1	679	785	$393 00	379

Ministers without charge—John Gleed, Morrisville, James Dougherty, D.D., Johnson; G. F. Montgomery and Lyman Bartlett, Missionaries.

Dismissed—J. T. Ford, Sept. 5, 1869.

7. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. F. Barnard.

CHURCHES,	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'cell.	Church Mem'brs				No. under 30 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev'nt Contributions.	No. of Families.
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Death	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Bradford	June 24, 1818	John K. Williams,	P.	Nov. 23, 1866	1866	41	128	169	60	30	4	2	6	4	4	0	8	4	10	144	160	$370 00	116
Braintree	Dec. 25, 1794	Ammi Nichols,	A. P.	Sept. 23, 1807	1807	16	20	36	6	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	20	35	0 00	20
Brookfield 1st	Sept. 23, 1785	{ Daniel Wild, { Joshua S. Gay,	P. A. P.	Jan. 27, 1848	1870	26	47	73	5	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	42	60	42 00	51
Brookfield 2d	Nov. 16, 1848	Wm. A. Bushee,	P.	Aug. 19, 1869	1868	26	38	64	15	4	1	10	11	1	6	0	7	0	1	130	120	0 00	65
Chelsea	April 10, 1789	Vacant.				59	108	167	8	28	4	2	6	2	3	0	5	3	0	150	160		78
Corinth	Oct. 10, 1820	Caleb M. Winch,	A. P.	June 29, 1853	1869	26	63	89	3	....	4	3	7	4	1	0	5	2	1	....	....	72 25	....
Fairlee	Feb. 28, 1833	Silas McKeen, D.D.	A. P.	Oct. 28, 1815	1866	17	42	59	5	17	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	100	50 00	50
Fairlee West	Dec. 9, 1809	Solon Martin,	A. P.	June 16, 1835	1866	36	69	105	21	35	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	75	112	60 00	40
Newbury	1764	Geo. B. Tolman,	A. P.	July 10, 1862	1870	35	105	140	24	24	0	2	2	1	6	0	7	0	0	157	200	478 10	65
Newbury West	Feb. 13, 1867	R. Dexter Miller,	A. P.	July 2, 1856	1870	12	28	40	3	6	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	1	0	120	100		45
Post Mills	Feb. 26, 1839	A. T. Deming.	A. P.	June 11, 1863	1868	31	61	92	11	21	5	5	10	3	2	0	5	4	1	115	125	95 48	63
Randolph	May 30, 1786	Dana B. Bradford,	P.	June 13, 1838	1866	40	65	105	18	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	125	52 62	40
Randolph West	Oct. 21, 1831	Samuel W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3, 1869	1868	56	105	161	48	18	7	0	7	0	3	0	3	6	2	177	143	210 82	93
Strafford	Nov., 1819	Vacant,				11	23	34	7	9	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	3	40	50		25
Thetford	1773	Richard T. Searle,	P.	May 8, 1845	1868	65	126	191	28	50	0	2	2	2	5	0	7	0	2	140	180	467 24	107
Tunbridge	Feb. 5, 1792	O. S. Morris,	A. P.	July 9, 1848	1868	16	25	41	11	4	0	3	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	75	100	14 00	45
Vershire	July 14, 1787	Vacant.				17	37	54	12	....	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	....	....		....
Washington	1800	Vacant.				....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....		....
Wells River	June 13, 1842	Wm. S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19, 1862	1862	42	118	160	25	40	20	4	24	2	1	0	3	15	6	136	240	590 00	135
Williamstown	Aug. 13, 1795	Pliny F. Barnard,	P.	Jan. 14, 1847	1856	24	64	88	17	20	6	4	10	5	3	0	8	2	1	90	95	73 18	50
20		8 Pastors, 9 A. P.				596	1272	1868	327	337	53	40	93	39	40	0	79	37	30	1781	2105	$2,575 00	1082

Minister without charge—Joseph Fuller, Vershire. *Ordained*—Wm. A. Bushee, Brookfield 2d church.

Dismissed—W. A. James, Dec. 29, 1869.

8. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. W. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. under 30 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev'nt Contributions.	No. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'th	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Infnt				
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	John P. Demeritt,	A. P.	1870	1869	17	31	48	11	9	20	3	23	0	2	0	2	7	0	75	70	.....	55
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	Wm. A. Robinson,	P.	Jan. 11, 1866	1865	32	65	97	22	13	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	130	130	$222 00	70
Brighton	Sept. 1, 1841	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	6	9	15	6	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	65	100	.....	75
Brownington	March 4, 1809	Israel T. Otis,	A. P.	June 10, 1835	1869	24	47	71	19	7	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	0	150	90	120 00	40
Charleston West	May 14, 1844	A. C. Childs,	P.	May 18, 1853	1868	15	45	60	7	4	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	5	112	100	160 71	54
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	John C. Houghton,	A. P.	Jan. 15, 1868	1869	43	91	134	8	50	2	1	3	4	6	1	11	2	1	200	162	160 00	90
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1865	42	93	135	12	49	7	0	7	6	3	0	9	2	5	174	127	250 43	82
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	John Rogers,	A. P.	June, 1861	1868	30	53	83	....	14	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	70	100	98 00	56
Glover	July 12, 1817	S. K. B. Perkins,	P.	Jan. 11, 1860	1858	25	54	79	15	25	3	2	5	3	0	0	3	3	5	160	140	109 07	96
Greensboro	Nov. 24, 1804	Azel W. Wild,	P.	Oct. 26, 1864	1864	32	56	88	15	20	3	4	7	3	2	0	5	1	2	178	112	158 22	59
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	J. T. Howard, T. E. Ranney,	P. A. P.	May 1, 1844	1867	3	13	16	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	37	51	26 50	48
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	John Fraser,	A. P.	1852	1870	51	62	113	40	30	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	125	0 00	50
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	Azro A. Smith,	P.	Feb. 11, 1864	1863	20	28	48	5	9	10	3	13	0	6	0	6	6	5	135	95	6 00	49
Morgan	Jan. 4, 1823	Jacob S. Clark, Asahel R. Gray,	P. A. P.	Jan. 11, 1827 Nov. 13, 1844	1827 1864	12	26	38	12	4	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	70	83	23 70	60
Newport	Feb. 23, 1831	George H. Bailey,	P.	Nov. 26, 1867	1867	40	69	109	25	30	7	5	12	0	6	0	6	5	0	100	150	125 00	70
Troy	Jan. 23, 1845	Daniel Goodhue,	A. P.	May 2, 1848	1868	4	11	15	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	40	53	1 00	50
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	David Connell,	A. P.	Oct 20, 1842	1869	16	35	51	7	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	75	0 00	83
Westfield	April 19, 1818	Daniel Goodhue,	A. P.	May 2, 1848	1868	26	42	68	8	10	9	2	11	1	0	0	1	8	0	60	60	50 00	75
18		9 Pastors, 10 A. P.				438	830	1268	227	280	69	24	93	28	35	1	64	41	25	1806	1823	$1,510 63	1102

Ministers without charge—Samuel Read Hall, L.L. D., Brownington, R. V. Hall, Newport, George Stone, North Troy.

Installed—A. C. Childs, West Charleston, May 19, 1869.

Dismissed—J. H. Woodward, Irasburgh.

9. RUTLAND AND BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. Parsons S. Pratt.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.	No under 30. years.	Admitted Prof.	Let'r	Total	Removed. Death	Dism	Exc.	Total	Bap'ms Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev'l'nt Contributions.	No. of Families.
Arlington, East..	1843	Charles Redfield,	A. P.	1859	1868	15	32	47	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	65	65	.....	47
Bennington 1st..	Dec. 3,	1762 Isaac Jennings,	P.	June 14,	1843	1853	51	130	181	....	....	•6	4	10	6	4	0	10	5	12	100	150	$598 33	....
Bennington 2d...	April 27,	1836 C. H. Hubbard,	A. P.	Feb.,	1848	1851	46	113	159	14	50	16	2	18	6	4	0	10	10	3	175	250	325 00	80
Bennington N...	May 21,	1868 Henry C. Weston,	P.	Oct. 13,	1869	1869	14	22	36	4	10	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	3	125	100	.....	70
Benson.....		1790 Henry M. Holmes,	P.Elc	May 10,	1866	1869	65	105	170	17	30	48	9	57	0	3	0	3	23	3	150	200	45 58	96
Brandon.....	Sept. 23,	1785 Franklin Tuxbury,	P.	July 15,	1857	1865	72	136	208	25	40	25	8	33	2	6	0	8	17	2	166	175	336 50	138
Castleton.....		1784 Lewis Francis,	P.	Feb. 18,	1863	1864	64	148	212	37	40	18	3	21	6	3	0	9	11	1	187	....	783 55	132
Chittenden		1834 Vacant.	. ....	.....	....	....	3	8	11	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	30 00	....
Clarendon.....	Feb. 18,	1822 Wm. T. Herrick,	P.	May 28,	1851	1861	32	42	74	8	22	12	0	12	1	0	0	1	8	1	117	111	298 72	68
Danby.....	Nov. 4,	1869 James P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 16,	1839	1869	7	8	15	2	1	2	13	15	0	0	0	0	2	2	60	....	20 00	25
Dorset	Sept. 22,	1784 Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	Sept. 29,	1847	1856	37	74	111	13	27	6	4	10	2	1	0	3	4	1	171	160	331 09	94
Dorset East.....	Oct. 1,	1867 F. W. Olmsted,	A. P.	July,	1848	1867	4	10	14	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	50	80	20 00	40
Fair Haven.....	.....	Edw'd P. Hooker,	A. P.	Nov. 13,	1861	1869	30	45	75	....	10	8	6	14	1	0	6	1	.....	....	100	150	60 00	50
Hubbardton		1782 Calvin Granger,	A. P.	Aug. 6,	1834	1864	18	32	50	2	17	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	75	127 00	50
Manchester.....		1784 Rufus S. Cushman,	P.	Dec.,	1843	1862	72	136	208	29	62	3	5	8	2	1	0	3	0	4	200	250	526 09	90
Middletown.....		1780 Osborn Myrick,	A. P.	Nov.,	1846	1869	15	33	48	19	5	4	4	8	1	0	0	1	4	0	100	125	.....	70
Pawlet.....		1781 Levi H. Stone,	A. P.		1834	1867	22	61	83	15	12	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	150	180	200 00	65
Pittsford.....	April 14,	1784 R. T. Hall,	P.Elc	.....		1870	80	108	188	....	25	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	2	200	300	600 00	75
Poultney.....		1782 Ovid Miner,	A. P.		1835	1869	41	80	121	23	....	0	2	2	0	5	0	5	0	0	110	125	33 22	70
Pownal.....		1851 Vacant.	.....	.....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rupert.....	June 6,	1786 Vacant.	.....	.....		....	28	63	91	5	25	.....	.....	....	...	3	...	3	.....	.....	75	70	.....	45
Rutland	Oct. 5,	1788 James G. Johnson,	P.	Dec. 27,	1866	1870	134	293	427	....	32	0	9	9	8	13	0	21	0	3	350	450	1,488 82	....
Rutland West....	Oct. 13,	1773 James R. Bourne,	P.		1859	1869	77	130	207	23	38	0	6	6	2	2	0	4	0	7	275	225	342 00	92
Sandgate.....		1782 Supplied by Meth.	.....	.....		....	4	8	12	5	....	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	50	.....	30
Sudbury.....		1791 Henry F. Rustedt,	A. P.		1841	1857	11	31	42	3	10	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	50	75	.....	25
Tinmouth.....		1780 Vacant.	....	.....		....	12	22	34	11	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	22
Wallingford.....		1792 A. Walker, D. D.,	P.	Dec. 30,	1840	1862	29	84	113	14	18	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	2	0	117	170	428 38	95
West Haven.....		1816 H. Lancashire,	A. P.	.....		1868	8	7	15	4	4	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	15	40	65 00	20
26		10 Pastors, 12 A. P.					691	1361	2052	262	461	168	83	246	43	58	0	98	90	47	3138	3370	$6,602 28	1589

Ministers without charge—Bennington Association—J. D. Wickham, D. D., Lewis A. Austin, Manchester; James Anderson, Cleveland, O.; Richard C. Hand, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. W. Brown, Westboro, Mass.; Frederick Hicks, Panama, C. A. Rutland Association—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, Castleton; Lucius L. Tilden, Washington, D. C; Stephen Williams, Clarendon; Willard Child, D. D., Crown Point, N. Y.; Charles Walker, D. D., Pittsford; Solomon P. Giddings, Rutland; Myron A. Munson, Huntington, Mass.

Ordained—Henry C. Weston, North Bennington, Oct. 13, 1869.

Installed—James R. Bourne, West Rutland, Jan. 12, 1870; James G. Johnson, Rutland, April 21, 1870.

Dismissed—Myron A. Munson, June 28, 1869; George P. Byington, Benson, May 12, 1869.

10. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. Wm. S. Hazen.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.		MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.		Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. under 30 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev'nt Contributions.	No. of Families.
								Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Barre	Nov. 14,	1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	Mar. 19,	1845	1868	43	106	145	43	28	8	1	9	2	2	0	4	5	1	150	175	$231 55	110
Berlin	Oct. 17,	1798	Vacant.	.....	.....		....	24	56	80	28	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	126	100	85 00	50
Berlin West	Feb. 16,	1865	John F. Stone,	A. P.	Jan. 21,	1829	1864	4	11	15	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	75	27 00	30
Duxbury	Jan. 18,	1836	Vacant.	.....	.....		....	11	12	23	13	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	....
Marshfield	May 18,	1826	Vacant.	.....	.....		....	7	8	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	60	20 00	20
Montpelier	July 20,	1808	Wm. H. Lord, D.D.,	P.	Sept. 21,	1847	1847	166	268	434	150	...	23	1	24	2	3	0	5	2	10	330	400	828 72	140
Northfield	May 27,	1822	Wm. S. Hazen,	P.	Oct. 12,	1864	1863	40	72	112	27	14	1	2	3	2	4	0	6	1	0	149	123	166 15	68
Plainfield	Jan. 5,	1826	Horace Pratt,	A. P.	March,	1849	1868	12	27	39	5	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	65	33 00	38
Roxbury	March,	1864	Alden Ladd,	P.	Feb. 15,	1865	1863	15	35	50	5	8	1	2	3	0	3	0	3	1	0	60	75	110 00	35
Waitsfield	June 27,	1796	James H. Babbitt,	P.	Sept. 10,	1868	1868	43	86	129	25	22	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	1	1	120	112	185 20	76
Warren		1816	Vacant.	.....	.....		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	....
Waterbury	July 10,	1801	Jona. Copeland,	A. P.	Nov. 14,	1843	1867	56	115	171	22	66	27	7	34	0	2	0	2	23	3	150	175	336 50	102
Worcester	Feb. 28,	1824	Vacant,	.....	.....		....	14	37	51	21	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	....	.....	....
13			4 Pastors, 4 A. P.					435	833	1268	342	167	63	13	76	9	16	0	25	33	15	1265	1360	$2,203 12	669

Ministers without charge—Charles S. Smith, Secretary Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, Montpelier; David Perry, E. Irvin Carpenter, White River Junction.

11. WINDHAM CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. under 20 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benevl'nt Contributions.	No. of Families
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Lett'r	Total	Dea'th	Dism	Excl	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Bellows Falls	Aug. 9, 1850	Cyrus Hamlin,	P.	Oct. 29, 1868	1868	17	37	54	10	7	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	2	1	95	95	.....	55
Brattleboro West	1770	Joseph Chandler,	P.	April 22, 1846	1845	53	95	148	18	44	4	3	7	0	3	0	3	1	1	100	175	$334 36	80
Brattleboro East	July 15, 1816	Nathaniel Highill,	P.	Sept. 29, 1864	1867	105	221	326	55	33	2	13	15	6	11	0	17	1	3	265	300	1491 53	147
Cambridgeport	April 16, 1868	J. C. McCollom,	P.	Mar. 23, 1869	1867	20	24	44	2	11	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	90	115	27 00	50
Dover West	Jan. 17, 1869	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	7	10	17	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	90	9 00	50
Dummerston	Aug. 18, 1770	Augustus Chandler	P.	Sept. 12, 1860	1867	29	78	107	22	9	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	140	150	69 27	90
Fayetteville	June 30, 1774	David Shurtleff,	A. P.	.....	1869	18	47	65	5	5	3	9	12	0	1	0	1	1	0	89	150	90 00	70
Grafton	June 20, 1785	Earl J. Ward.	P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1868	40	67	107	29	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	3	106	....	109 00	77
Guilford	1768	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	3	9	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	....
Halifax West	July 24, 1778	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	7	8	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	.....	....
Jamaica	Sept. 25, 1791	William C. Bowen,	A. P.	1848	1869	12	22	34	2	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	50	100	0 00	32
Londonderry So.	Aug. 25, 1809	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	13	22	35	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	....
Londonderry No.	Aug. 19, 1868	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	21	29	0	13	4	3	7	0	2	0	2	2	0	60	100	0 00	40
Marlboro	Oct. 20, 1776	John Henry Rickett	A. P.	April 15, 1835	1869	9	20	29	4	6	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	35	50	0 00	30
Peru	Dec. 23, 1807	Asa F. Clark,	A. P.	Feb. 15, 1842	1868	49	92	141	28	30	2	7	9	4	7	0	11	0	5	135	140	.....	67
Putney	Oct. 16, 1776	Amos Foster,	A. P.	Mar. 2, 1825	1866	27	73	100	16	23	21	4	25	3	0	0	3	14	0	150	175	100 82	89
Saxton's River	Jan. 1, 1825	John G. Wilson,	P.	Dec. 12, 1851	1869	28	63	91	32	24	1	2	3	1	8	0	9	1	1	52	78	7 25	46
Stratton	Aug. 30, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	5	15	20	10	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	0 00	....
Townshend East	1792	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	48	66	114	8	20	2	1	10	3	2	0	6	8	0	75	165	.....	75
Townshend West	Oct. 8, 1859	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	10	36	46	13	13	7	0	7	2	0	0	2	6	0	80	....	0 00	50
Wardsboro	Mar. 9, 1843	Philetus Clark,	A. P.	Nov. 21, 1821	1869	14	37	51	12	4	4	0	4	1	8	0	9	2	0	40	50	7 00	27
Westminster E.	June 11, 1767	F. J. Fairbanks,	P.	Aug. 31, 1864	1864	22	85	107	13	20	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	1	193	150	100 00	106
Westminster W.	Oct. 31, 1799	Alfred Stevens,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1843	50	99	149	25	20	0	3	3	3	9	0	12	0	1	140	140	238 75	65
Wilmington	July 4, 1853	Edward E. Herrick	A. P.	Feb. 25, 1864	1869	35	62	97	19	....	11	2	13	1	4	0	5	8	3	60	125	53 00	50
Windham	Sept. 9, 1805	Calvin Chapman.	A. P.	Dec. 8, 1842	1870	32	59	91	25	16	0	2	2	4	4	0	8	0	4	125	140	122 70	80
25		9 Pastors, 10 A. P.				664	1368	2029	359	307	79	58	137	40	85	0	105	42	25	2140	2358	$2,768 68	1876

Ministers without charge—William Clark, Milan, Italy; Lewis Grout, Agent American Missionary Association, J. H. Thyng, West Brattleboro.

Ordained—John G. Wilson, Saxton's River.

Dismissed—Alanson S. Barton, Townshend.

12. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. H. Cobb.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				No. under 30 years.	Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Amount of Benev'l'nt Contributions.	No. of Families.
						Male	Fem.	Total	Abs.		Prof.	Let'r	Total	Dea'h	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Inf'nt				
Barnard	May 15, 1782	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bethel	July 25, 1817	E. E. Lewis,	.....	Licentiate.	1868	14	26	40	12	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	90	67	$74 56	51
Bridgewater	1793	Vacant.	....	.....	....	10	26	36	10	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	30	80	.....	10
Chester	Oct. 17, 1773	John G. Hale,	A. P.	Sept. 30, 1852	1869	43	94	137	25	25	1	6	7	4	7	0	11	0	1	167	167	159 19	90
Hartford	1786	Benj. F. Ray,	P.	March, 1856	1856	66	122	188	28	30	6	0	6	1	4	0	5	3	5	225	220	366 00	130
Quechee	Jan. 13, 1831	J. Clement, D.D.,	A. P.	Oct. 13, 1830	1869	6	40	46	8	10	...	2	2	2	1	...	3	0	0	40	75	0 00	40
Hartford West	June 3, 1830	A. Hemenway,	A. P.	Jan. 22, 1839	1869	25	31	56	12	18	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	40	75	69 00	50
Hartland	Sept. 6, 1799	J. Q. Bittinger,	A. P.	Oct. 25, 1860	1869	12	30	42	....	...	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	60	111	0 00	....
Ludlow	Sept. 25, 1806	Henry A. Duboc,	.....	Licentiate.	1869	30	48	78	15	18	1	6	7	1	3	0	4	0	0	55	80	30 00	43
Norwich	June 15, 1819	William Sewall,	P.	May 2, 1855	1865	73	142	215	43	40	1	3	4	7	4	1	12	1	6	225	194	530 00	250
Pittsfield	Sept. 17, 1803	J. B. Clark,	A. P.	1832	1869	29	49	78	30	6	1	1	2	1	4	0	5	0	0	40	65	.....	30
Plymouth	Sept. 9, 1802	Thomas Baldwin,	A. P.	June 24, 1836	1845	7	16	23	2	1	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	75	0 00	....
Pomfret	Jan. 8, 1783	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	14	39	53	10	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	97	75	48 55	40
Rochester	Sept. 11, 1801	T. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	June, 1839	1868	21	53	74	7	7	2	2	4	2	6	0	8	1	0	93	110	90 00	59
Royalton	Autumn, 1777	C. B. Drake, D.D. / James Caldwell,	P. / A. P.	Oct. 12, 1837 / Jan. 17, 1837	1837 / 1868	49	91	140	48	11	1	3	4	5	1	0	6	0	2	75	125	138 00	54
Royalton South	Jan. 16, 1868	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	11	24	35	5	9	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	112	85	25 00	46
Sharon	Sept. 11, 1782	George H. White,	A. P.	Nov. 3, 1856	1870	16	43	59	7	7	5	1	6	0	1	0	1	3	0	60	75	15 00	50
Springfield	Oct. 3, 1781	L. Henry Cobb,	P.	Oct. 28, 1857	1867	121	243	364	30	82	17	6	23	9	11	1	21	12	10	347	330	3189 77	227
Stockbridge	Oct. 8, 1827	Charles H. Riggs,	A. P.	Aug. 15, 1865	1869	24	49	73	12	13	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	104	100	10 85	35
Weathersfield	1775	Jos. B. Baldwin,	A. P.	Oct. 15, 1832	1869	33	73	106	44	41	3	2	5	1	5	0	6	3	3	67	60	29 06	46
Weathersfield E.	April 11, 1838	P. Wallingford,	Meth.	.....	1868	10	16	26	6	14	1	0	1	1	18	0	19	1	0	60	65	0 00	22
Ascutneyville	Dec. 15, 1869	Seth S. Arnold,	A. P.	Jan., 1816	1870	8	14	22	0	6	0	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	70	50 00	50
Weston	Sept. 4, 1799	Vacant.	.....	.....	...	14	25	39	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60	.....	30
Windsor	Sept. 21, 1768	Silas P. Cook,	P.	June 24, 1869	1870	64	125	189	35	68	5	3	8	7	3	0	10	2	7	215	180	323 31	120
Woodstock	Dec. 26, 1781	A. B. Daseomb,	P.	Jan. 16, 1862	1867	75	146	221	9	48	2	4	6	3	1	4	8	1	9	116	230	1123 31	125
25		6 Pastors, 14 A. P.				786	1595	2381	406	481	56	64	120	53	77	6	136	32	44	2529	2804	$6,471 60	1568

Ministers without charge—A. S. Swift, Stockbridge; Franklin Butler, Nelson Bishop, Windsor; Samuel G. Tenney, Springfield; Ezra H. Byington, New Haven.

Deceased—**Samuel Sparhawk, Pittsfield, Nov. 8, 1869.**

Dismissed—**Ezra H. Byington, Windsor, Sept. 8, 1869; Daniel W. Fox, South Royalton.**

Licentiates—**Edward E. Lewis, Bethel; Henry A. Duboc, Ludlow.**

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	Ministers.										Churches.				Church Members.				No. under 30 yrs.	Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Cong.	Am't of Benevolent Contrib'ns.	No. of Families.
	Pastors.	Act'g Past'rs	W't Charge.	Ordained and Installed.	Installed.	Ord. without Installation.	Dismissed.	Died.	Tot. Min's'rs.	Licentiates.	Whole No. of Churches.	Destitute Churches.	Net Increase of Members.	Net Decrease of Members.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.		Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Excomm't'n.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.				
1. Addison	5	5	7	....	1	....	2	1	17	1	13	2	37	....	645	1200	1845	253	392	64	44	108	29	41	1	71	38	6	1300	1627	$1.379 68	857
2. Caledonia	8	5	3	1	..	....	..	..	16	..	13	....	106	....	608	1186	1794	581	275	136	36	172	16	47	3	66	84	21	2080	1903	10,931 49	1085
3. Chittenden	7	7	10	....	..	1	..	..	24	3	18	2	32	....	475	986	1461	270	339	52	44	96	26	37	1	64	35	24	1917	2001	3,076 47	894
4. Essex	..	2	1	....	..	....	2	..	3	..	3	1	....	9	77	173	250	48	44	5	2	7	8	6	2	16	3	2	245	300	157 18	145
5. Franklin and Grand Isle	6	6	1	....	..	1	1	..	13	1	14	....	18	....	378	644	1022	142	230	32	19	51	17	16	0	33	19	29	1339	1396	5,029 66	548
6. Lamoille	2	3	4	....	..	....	1	..	9	..	9	4	....	....	154	341	495	70	81	15	7	22	6	15	1	22	11	1	679	785	393 00	379
7. Orange	8	9	1	1	..	....	1	..	18	..	20	4	16	....	596	1272	1868	327	337	55	40	95	39	40	0	79	37	30	1781	2105	2,575 00	1082
8. Orleans	9	9	3	....	1	....	1	..	21	..	18	1	29	....	438	830	1268	227	280	69	24	93	28	35	1	64	41	25	1806	1823	1,510 63	1162
9. Rutland and Bennington	10	13	14	1	2	....	2	..	37	..	28	4	148	....	991	1931	2952	292	481	163	83	246	43	55	0	98	90	47	3138	3576	6,662 28	1589
10. Washington	4	4	3	....	..	....	..	..	11	..	13	5	51	....	435	833	1268	342	167	63	13	76	9	16	0	25	33	15	1265	1360	2,203 12	669
11. Windham	9	8	3	....	1	....	1	..	20	..	25	8	32	....	661	1368	2029	359	307	79	58	137	40	65	0	105	42	25	2140	2388	2,768 68	1376
12. Windsor	6	12	5	....	1	....	3	1	23	2	25	5	....	16	786	1595	2381	406	481	56	64	120	53	77	6	136	32	44	2529	2804	6,471 60	1568
12	74	83	55	3	6	2	14	2	212	7	199	36	469	25	6214	12389	18633	3117	3414	789	434	1223	314	450	15	779	465	269	20219	22070	$43,154 79	11354
																	123			added for 8 churches not reported.											
																	Total,	18756													

NOTE.—*Churches*—There are 199 churches. Seventy-four of these have pastors, (four of which have also acting pastors.) Eighty-three have acting pastors simply; four are supplied by licentiates, two by Methodists, and thirty-six are vacant.

Ministers.—There are 212 ministers, of whom fifty-five are without charge, leaving in active service 157, of whom seventy-four are pastors, and eighty-three are acting pastors; three of whom are pastors elect. Three acting pastors serve two churches each, and one pastor is also an acting pastor.

CONFERENCES OF CHURCHES.

CONFERENCE.	REGISTER.	TIME.
Addison	.....	1st Tuesday in June (?)
Caledonia	Rev. Perrin B. Fisk	2d Tuesday in June.
Chittenden	Rev. George B. Safford	2d Tuesday in June.
Essex	.....	1st Tuesday in June (?)
Franklin and Grand Isle	.....	1st Tuesday in June (?)
Lamoille	Rev. J. Dougherty, D. D.	1st Tuesday in June.
Orange	.....	1st Tuesday in June (?)
Orleans	Rev. George H. Bailey	2d Tuesday in June.
Rutland and Bennington	Rev. P. S. Pratt	1st Tuesday in June.
Washington	Rev. Alden Ladd	2d Tuesday in June.
Windham	Rev. F. J. Fairbanks	1st Wednesday in Sept.
Windsor	Rev. S. P. Cook	1st Tuesday in June.

NOTE.—Four Conferences have failed to report the time of Annual Meeting and name of Register. The dates are from some knowledge of the time, but not quite certain.

E. H. B.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

1. ADDISON ASSOCIATION.

Prof. Solon Albee ..... W. C.	Amzi B. Lyon ..... A. P.
William N. Bacon ..... P.	S. W. Magill. ..... A. P.
Alanson S. Barton ..... A. P.	Stillman Morgan. ..... W. C.
H. P. V. Bogue ..... P.	M. S. Severance ..... P.
Prof. E. Brainard ..... Licentiate	Eben Smith ..... W. C.
Cephas H. Kent ..... P.	John Steele ..... W. C.
Pres. H. D. Kitchel, D. D. .. A. P.	Joseph Steele ..... W. C.
Daniel Ladd ..... W. C.	Prof. George N. Webber .. A. P.
H. F. Leavitt ..... W. C.	W. W. Winchester ..... P.

2. BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION.

James Anderson.....W. C.
Lewis Austin.....W. C.
J. W. Brown.....W. C.
Rufus S. Cushman..... P.
Richard C. Hand.....W. C.
Frederick Hicks.....W. C.
Chauncey H. Hubbard.... A. P.
Isaac Jennings... ..... P.
Franklin W. Olmsted..... A. P.
Parsons S. Pratt..... . P.
Charles Redfield..... A. P.
James P. Stone..... A. P.
Henry C. Weston..... P.
J. D. Wickham D. D.....W. C.

3. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Moses B. Bradford.....W. C.
Lewis O. Brastow..... P.
E. C. Cummings..... P.
S. F. Drew..... P.
Edward T. Fairbanks..... P.
Henry Fairbanks.....W. C.
Perrin B. Fisk..... P.
John P. Humphrey..... P.
S. G. Norcross..... A. P.
W. W. Thayer.....W. C.
Charles W. Thompson.... P.
Joseph Torrey..... P.
Joseph Underwood..... A. P.
Lyman S. Watts..... A. P.
Moses H. Wells..... A. P.

4. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION.

John G. Bailey..... P.
Lyman Bartlett.....Missionary.
James Dougherty D. D...W. C.
James T. Ford.....W. C.
John Gleed..... .....W. C.
Horace Herrick... ..... A. P.
G. F. Montgomery...Missionary.
Fred. Oxnard..... A. P.
B. F. Perkins..... A. P.
Edwin Wheelock..... P.

5. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Joshua Eaton..... A. P.
Jeremiah Glines.....W. C.
L. W. Harris..... A. P.

6. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION.

James H. Babbitt..... P.
Pliny F. Barnard.....W. C.
E. I. Carpenter.....S. Vt. B. S.
Jona. Copeland..... A. P.
Wm. S. Hazen..... P.
Alden Ladd..... P.
Wm. H. Lord, D. D..... P.
Horace Pratt..... A. P.
C. S. Smith.....S. Vt. D. M. S.
John F. Stone..... A. P.
Leonard Tenney..... A. P.
Caleb M. Winch..... ... A. P.

7. NORTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Calvin B. Cady..... A. P.
Elam J. Comings..... A. P.
Lyndon S. French.....W. C.
Elias W. Hatch..... P.
Joseph R. Munsell.....A. P.
Sewall Paine..... P.
Eugene J. Ranslow..... A. P.
Herman C. Riggs..... P.
Amos J. Samson..... A. P.
Alfred B. Swift..... A. P.
George B. Tolman.....W. C.
Charles C. Torrey..... P.
Daniel Wild..... P.
S. H. Williams..... P.
George F. Wright..... P.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Alonzo T. Deming	A. P.	Solon Martin	A. P.
Joseph Fuller	W. C.	R. Dexter Miller	A. P.
Isaac Hosford	W. C.	William S. Palmer	P.
Silas McKeen, D. D	A. P.	Richard T. Searle	P.
Joseph Marsh	W. C.	John K. Williams	P.

9. ORLEANS ASSOCIATION.

George H. Bailey	P.	Jabez T. Howard	P.
John W. H. Baker	W. C.	Sidney K. B. Perkins	P.
Jacob S. Clark	P.	Wm. A. Robinson	P.
John A. Farrar	W. C.	Azro A. Smith	P.
Asahel R. Gray	A. P.	George Stone	W. C.
Sam'l Reed Hall, L.L. D.	W. C.	Azel W. Wild	P.
John C. Houghton	A. P.	Edward P. Wild	P.

10. ROYALTON ASSOCIATION.

Dana B. Bradford	P.	Joshua S. Gay	A. P.
William A. Bushee	P.	Thomas S. Hubbard	A. P.
James Caldwell	A. P.	E. E. Lewis	Licentiate.
J. B. Clark	A. P.	O. S. Morris	A. P.
Samuel W. Dike	P.	Ammi Nichols	A. P.
C. B. Drake, D. D	P.	Charles H. Riggs	A. P.
Daniel W. Fox	W. C.	A. S. Swift	W. C.

11. RUTLAND ASSOCIATION.

James R. Bourne	P.	Ulric Maynard	W. C.
Willard Child, D. D	W. C.	Ovid Miner	A. P.
Lewis Francis	P.	Myron A. Munson	W. C.
William T. Herrick	P.	Osborne Myrick	A. P.
Harvey O. Higley	W. C.	Henry F. Rustedt	A. P.
Henry M. Holmes	P.	Levi H. Stone	A. P.
Edward P. Hooker	A. P.	Lucius L. Tilden	W. C.
James Gibson Johnson	P.	Franklin Tuxbury	P.
Calvin Granger	A. P.	Charles Walker, D. D.	W. C.
Solomon P. Giddings	W. C.	Stephen Williams	W. C.

12. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

John Q. Bittinger	A. P.	Charles Duren	W. C.
Franklin Butler	W. C.	A. Hemenway	A. P.
Ezra H. Byington	W. C.	Aaron G. Pease	W. C.
Philetus Clark	A. P.	Benjamin F. Ray	P.
Jonathan Clement, D. D.	A. P.	William Sewall	P.
A. B. Dascomb	P.	George H. White	A. P.

13. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION.

S. S. Arnold	A. P.	Cyrus Hamlin	P.
William C. Bowen	A. P.	Edward E. Herrick	A. P.
Augustus Chandler	P.	J. C. McCollom	P.
Joseph Chandler	P.	Nathaniel Mighill	P.
Calvin Chapman	A. P.	J. Henry Rickett	A. P.
Asa F. Clark	A. P.	David Shurtleff	A. P.
William Clark	Missionary.	Alfred Stevens	P.
Francis J. Fairbanks	P.	J. H. Thyng	W. C.
Amos Foster	A. P.	Earl J. Ward	P.
Lewis Grout	Ag't A. M. Asso.	John G. Wilson	P.

14. WINDSOR ASSOCIATION.

Thomas Baldwin	A. P.	L. Henry Cobb	P.
Joseph B. Baldwin	A. P.	Silas P. Cook	P.
Nelson Bishop	W. C.	John G. Hale	A. P.

15. WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION.

Samuel L. Bates	P.	Edward Hungerford	Licentiate
Eben C. Birge	W. C.	Josiah L. Litch	A. P.
George P. Byington	A. P.	Joshua L. Maynard	P.
James Buckham	W. C.	Samuel Marsh	W. C.
Prof. M. H. Buckham	Licentiate.	Moses P. Parmelee	Missionary.
Charles W. Clark	A. P.	George B. Safford	P.
John K. Converse	W. C.	Charles M. Seaton	A. P.
Lester H. Elliot	P.	Prof. Henry A. P. Torrey	W. C.
Clark E. Ferrin	P.	Orville G. Wheeler	P.
A. Fleming	W. C.	J. C. Wilder	W. C.
John E. Goodrich	W. C.	Andrew J. Willard	A. P.
Edward H. Griffin	P.	John H. Woodward	A. P.
Austin Hazen	A. P.	John H. Worcester, D. D.	W. C.

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifty-second Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at Montpelier on Wednesday, June 22, 1870.

The Society was called to order by the President, J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. N. Mighill, Rev. Messrs. W. H. Lord, D. D., H. C. Riggs and W. Sewall were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The following is a summary of it:

Balance on hand at beginning of the year	$1,519 07
Receipts during the year	7,873 24
Total	$9,392 31
Disbursements	8,951 22
Balance on hand	$441 09

The report was adopted.

A summary of the Directors' report was read by Rev. C. S. Smith. On motion of Rev. Wm. S. Palmer, and urged by remarks by himself and others, the report was accepted and adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year, who were unanimously elected:

President—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Vice Presidents—Hon. E. P. WALTON, Hon. JOHN B. PAGE, CHARLES DANA, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH.

Recording Secretary—Rev. LEONARD TENNEY.

Directors—Rev. HARVEY F. LEAVITT, Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D.,

THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. E. H. BYINGTON, Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. LEWIS FRANCIS, Rev. W. A. ROBINSON, Rev. H. C. RIGGS, Rev. W. S. PALMER.

Treasurer—C. W. STORRS, Esq.

Auditor—Hon. JOHN A. PAGE.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Attest: LEONARD TENNEY,

Recording Secretary.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

The fifty-second year of our missionary work has closed. We meet to-day to review its results and take counsel for the future.

The year has not been one of as bountiful gifts from churches and individuals as several of the previous years were. But however unfaithful *men* may have been, God has not left himself without witness that he keepeth covenant and mercy with his people, and still waiteth to be gracious.

For the first time in eight years past we are called upon to record the death of a missionary laboring in the service of this Society. Rev. SAMUEL SPARHAWK—acting pastor of the church in Pittsfield—rests from his labors. His entire ministry was spent with the feeble churches in this State. Wherever he went, he won the esteem and affection of the people, and was known by them and his brother ministers as a warm-hearted, conscientious and faithful servant of his Lord.

Being warned by advancing age and by infirmities, of his duty to retire from the active labors of the ministry, he had nearly completed his plans to do so, when he was suddenly called to his home above, and now enjoys the heavenly rather than an earthly rest.

TREASURY.

The receipts into the treasury during the year, including the balance on hand at the close of last year, have been $9,392 31. Of this sum $1,049 48 was received from notes and bonds, $557 76 from cent societies, and $467 05 was given expressly for the Itinerant work.

Our receipts have been less than for several past years, and less than our actual expenditures. This falling off may be owing to several causes. Not a dollar has been received from legacies. By mistake $1000 00, intended for the Itinerant work, did not reach us till the account for the year was closed. Moreover the devastating floods that swept over the State last fall increased greatly the burden of taxation, and have been pleaded in many towns as a reason for taking no collection, or for its being much smaller than usual.

The expenditures in the Itinerant Department have been about $1,500 00—nearly one-third of which was received from the people dwelling in the several fields where the labor was performed.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields, occupied during the year in the Ordinary and Itinerant Departments, with brief notices of each.

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

Number.	Churches.	Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Length of Com.	Aid pledged.	Mon'ts of labor performed.	Hopeful convs.	Add. Profession.	Add. Letter.	Remove. Dismissals.	Remove. Deaths.	Remove. Excom.	Resid. Memb.	Male residents.	Non-residents.	Av. Congreg'n.	No. in Sab. Sch.	Contributions. Home Missions.	Contributions. Other Objects.
1	Albany	John P. Demeritt	Jan. 1, 1870	12	$200 00	12	25	20	3	2	0	0	37	15	11	70	85	$11 00	.....
2	Arlington and Sunderland	Charles Redfield	June 1, 1869	12	200 00	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	8	12	65	65	16 00	.....
3	Berkshire East	E. W. Hatch	June 1, 1869	12	100 00	12	3	0	0	0	1	0	43	16	5	75	90	13 25	$56 00
4	Berlin West, one-half time	John F. Stone	June 1, 1869	12	100 00	12	1	0	0	1	0	0	14	4	0	75	90	34 00	.....
5	Bethel	Everett E. Lewis	June 1, 1869	12	100 00	12	0	0	2	2	1	0	28	9	12	80	90	24 88	49 68
6	Brownington	I. T. Otis	July 10, 1869	12	175 00	12	1	0	0	5	4	0	61	21	10	90	95	11 17	108 83
7	Cambridgeport	Julius C. McCollom	June 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	2	0	1	0	1	0	39	17	4	115	100	4 00	27 04
8	Charleston West	Alexander C. Childs	Nov. 15, 1869	12	200 00	12	6	2	1	0	0	0	49	15	11	125	112	50 00	111 00
9	Colchester	Charles M. Seaton	Jan. 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	3	1	0	1	0	0	49	9	21	74	72	21 00	63 00
10	Danby	James P. Stone	Nov. 1, 1869	12	200 00	7	1	2	13	0	0	0	13	5	2	65	60	20 00	0 00
11	Dorset East	F. W. Olmsted	June 1, 1869	12	175 00	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	2	2	80	60	0 00	15 00
12	Dover West	S. H. Amsden	May 8, 1870	12	200 00	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	18	8	3	120	80	0 00	0 00
13	Gaysville	Charles H. Riggs	Jan. 15, 1870	12	100 00	12	0	4	0	1	0	0	61	20	12	100	124	10 35	1 30
14	Glover	S. K. B. Perkins	Aug. 15, 1869	12	100 00	12	4	3	2	0	3	0	61	18	18	142	250	19 00	86 72
15	Granby and Victory	Joshua Eaton	June 1, 1869	12	175 00	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	17	6	55	60	12 00	53 00
16	Highgate	Elam J. Comings	June 1, 1869	12	200 00	12	10	4	2	2	0	0	62	19	4	115	125	17 00	41 00
17	Holland	Timothy E. Ranney	June 1, 1869	12	200 00	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	2	10	52	40	10 00	20 00
18	Hubbardton	Calvin Granger	Sept. 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	40	2	0	0	0	0	48	17	2	90	80	25 00	80 00
19	Hydepark	John G. Bailey	June 1, 1869	12	175 00	12	1	1	1	1	0	0	25	7	3	80	94	24 00	25 00
20	Londonderry	M. A. Gates	Sept, 1, 1869	12	175 00	7	2	0	2	1	0	0	28	8	1	100	60	.....	.....
		J. W. Tarleton	Jan. 1, 1870			5													

21	Lowell	Azro A. Smith	April 1, 1870	12	$200 00	12	2	10	3	6	0	0	43	19	5	95	140	.....	$10 00
22	Ludlow	James P. Stone Henry A. Duboc	July 1, 1869 Nov. 1, 1869	12	200 00	4 7	3	1	6	5	0	0	63	15	15	80	75	11 00	.....
23	Middletown	James C. Houghton O. Myrick	Sept. 1, 1868 Nov. 1, 1869	12 12	100 00 125 00	3 7	32	5	4	0	1	0	19	13	19	125	100	.....	.....
24	Morgan, one-half time	Asahel R. Gray	June 12, 1869	12	75 00	12	2	1	1	0	0	0	26	7	11	90	80	10 50	13 70
25	Marlboro	J. H. Rickett	July 1, 1869	12	200 00	11	2	2	0	4	0	0	24	5	5	50	30	.....	.....
26	Newbury West	David Connell Robert D. Miller	Sept. 1, 1869 Mar. 1, 1870	12 12	200 00 200 00	3 3	0	3	1	0	2	0	37	12	3	120	110	12 50	5 36
27	Pittsfield and Sherburne	Samuel Sparhawk Josiah B. Clark	April 1, 1869 Nov. 1, 1869	12 ..	100 00	5 7	0	0	0	1	1	0	79	2	20	60	45	.....	.....
28	Plainfield	Horace Pratt	Nov. 1, 1869	12	200 00	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	33	9	4	65	50	21 00	12 00
29	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent	June 1, 1869	12	200 00	12	7	7	0	4	0	0	46	18	17	50	45	14 00	52 00
30	Roxbury	Alden Ladd	Oct. 1, 1869	12	200 00	12	10	1	2	3	0	0	45	15	5	75	45	28 00	81 00
31	Royalton South	Daniel W. Fox	June 1, 1869	12	175 00	9	2	2	1	0	0	0	32	11	3	75	125	17 00	12 46
32	Sheldon	George B. Tolman	Jan. 1, 1869	12	150 00	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
33	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt	Sept. 1, 1869	12	200 00	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	38	11	3	75	50	28 00	16 50
34	Troy, one-half time	Daniel Goodhue	May 1, 1869	12	100 00	12	1	1	0	0	1	0	12	4	..	60	45	5 00	1 00
35	Troy North	David Connell	Dec. 1, 1869	12	200 00	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	51	16	7	190	60	0 00	0 00
36	Tunbridge	Ozias S. Morris	Aug. 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	5	0	3	0	4	0	30	16	11	100	85	5 00	9 00
37	Weathersfield Bow	P. Wallingford	June 1, 1869	12	90 00	12	1	1	0	18	1	0	20	7	10	65	55	.....	22 00
38	West Haven, one-half time	Henry Lancashire	Dec. 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	10	3	0	0	1	0	12	5	..	75	20	7 23	35 00
39	Wolcott	Horace Herrick	April 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	1	2	0	4	0	0	37	15	9	75	55	15 00	0 00
40	Whitehall E., one-half time	Henry Lancashire	Dec. 1, 1869	12	50 00	12	1	1	0	2	2	0	20	5	5	50	40	4 30	25 00

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. This has been a year of blessing to this church. Its resident membership has been nearly doubled. The missionary whose labors have been most abundant writes: "During the year ten new horse-sheds have been built, at a cost of over $300; 101 volumes have been added to the Sabbath school library, the Sabbath school and congregation supplied in part with singing and hymn books. A Sabbath school concert has been commenced. A weekly prayer meeting has been held at the church, and weekly meetings at five out-stations a part of the year. The average attendance at the church has been ten greater than last year, although the Methodists worshiped with us a part of last year. The average attendance at the prayer meetings in the out-stations has been twenty-four."

2. ARLINGTON AND SUNDERLAND. The missionary writes: "The year has been destitute of what might be classed under the head of *events*. An attempt has been made to extinguish a debt yet remaining on the parsonage, but without success. I see little in the condition of the people to make me hopeful for the future. But as God has said, 'my word shall not return unto me void,' etc., there may be room for hope beyond mortal vision."

3. BERKSHIRE EAST. The report from this field is that "there is a steady and uniform advancement from year to year." They have suffered the loss of one family during the year. Watts and Select Hymns has given place to the Sabbath Hymn Book for Sabbath worship.

4. BERLIN WEST. This little church preserves its unity, though encompassed by some difficulties. The missionary has been encouraged by the attendance upon the Sabbath evening meetings, and by the readiness of the brethren to do their part to make them interesting.

5. BETHEL. The pecuniary ability of this church has been somewhat diminished. While an interest has been manifested in the services of the sanctuary and in the study of God's word in the Sabbath school, it has not been a year of ingathering. The missionary sows in hope of a coming harvest.

6. BROWNINGTON. This church has lost nine members within the year, with no additions. The report is, however, in the main en-

couraging. There is a good degree of vitality in the church; a readiness on the part of the members to do their duty; an efficient temperance organization, and a liberal spirit in supporting, according to their means, the institutions of the gospel.

7. CAMBRIDGEPORT. The removal of one of the officers of this church to another town has been a great loss to them. Their courage and zeal are, however, unabated, and their pastor thinks they give evidence of continued advancement in the divine life. Some repairs have been made upon their house of worship.

8. CHARLESTON WEST. The pastor writes: "The past year has been one of pleasant progress—slow, but it is believed to have been sure. Congregationalism, as such, seems to be better understood by the people, and the church itself has a stronger hold of the hearts of its members. This has been accomplished only by the blessing of God attending the preaching of the gospel. The past and present condition of things, the number and attention of the people on the Sabbath, the interest in prayer meetings, a united church, kind and loving brethren, encourage the hope of greater success in the year to come."

9. COLCHESTER. The parsonage has been repaired at an expense of $150.00, a part of which was furnished by the missionary and his friends. The "week of prayer" was observed with profit. The congregation has somewhat increased. Sabbath school is prospering. The prayer meeting is sustained, though poorly attended.

10. DANBY. An infant church, born amidst contention, it needs to be fed with the sincere milk of the word, and to grow thereby that it may be strong to fulfill its divine mission, in a community where evangelical influences have a feeble hold upon the mass of the people. For more than three years past a strong desire has been felt by some of the people, who mourned over the desecration of the Sabbath and the prevalence of Universalism, Spiritism and Infidelity, to start a Congregational church and secure a Congregational minister. It is to be hoped that the hand of the Lord is in this movement, and that the day of redemption for Danby draweth nigh.

11. DORSET EAST. For two years past the Methodists have united with the Congregationalists in supporting Rev. F. W. Olmsted. As the house of worship is a "union house," the Congregational church are now assisting in sustaining a Methodist minister and attending upon his services. The Congregational church is feeble, and must continue so unless the marble interests should so develop as to increase the population of the place.

12. DOVER WEST has been without preaching most of the year.

They have met with serious losses by the death of some members who were liberal supporters of gospel institutions. They have secured the services of Rev. S. H. Amsden, who entered upon his labors in May. They are agitating the question of building a parsonage.

13. GAYSVILLE. The institutions of the gospel have been regularly maintained through the year. The Sabbath school has been quite full, and special pains has been taken by the missionary to supply the classes with Scripture lessons, and to make the concerts interesting.

14. GLOVER. This church we hope is steadily progressing toward self-support. The missionary writes: "Besides holding meetings at the two regular preaching places—East and West Glover—I have preached, from time to time, in three different districts. One of them is at South Glover, where the people have been destitute of preaching for several years. A union Sabbath school of fifty members has been organized there. The year has, on the whole, been one of general prosperity, though more than twenty of my congregation—three of them members of the church—have removed to other towns or states. We can but feel that we are on a better standing than ever before,—since, while we receive aid to the amount of $100, we have given to benevolent objects $150.00.

15. GRANBY AND VICTORY. These towns are but sparsely settled. The church is small and will doubtless continue so. But the people need the means of grace as much as though there were more of them. The attendance the past year is reported as equal to what it has been before. Some repairs have been made upon the church.

16. HIGHGATE. The missionary writes, "The strength and efficiency of the church, as it once was, is gone. Still we have a 'little strength,' and there is before us 'an open door.' The interest in the Sabbath school increases. I think our school will compare favorably with that of any small village in the county. We resort to no measures to produce 'excitement,' but we have a steady interest in the substantial truths of the Bible. A very interesting family of Catholics have joined us. We have purchased a cabinet organ, at a cost of $175.00, and feel the stronger for the effort. The church is not as strong in a pecuniary sense as it was a year ago, but we propose to ask less help by $50.00 than we have done. Three promising young men, from our Sabbath school, are in a course of education."

17. HOLLAND. The good seed of the kingdom has been sowed here for several years. We have anxiously watched for the whitening fields, and the shout of the reaper as he garnered the ripened

harvest. But the praying ones grow fewer, and the ingathering is delayed. Will not this church in prayer and faith thrust in the sickle, and raise the song of "Harvest Home" before the Great Reaper gathers them all into that world where sowing and reaping shall be no more?

18. HUBBARDTON. Difficulties sprang up at the beginning of the year which threatened the harmony of the church, but through the grace of God they were settled. The labors of Rev. J. W. Mudge in connection with the church seemed to be blessed to the conversion of souls. The Sabbath school has been greatly increased, and quite an addition to the church is expected at no distant day.

19. HYDEPARK. This church has for the past year, for the first time since its organization, had preaching all of the time. Having no house of worship they meet in the court-house. A fine organ has been obtained, and "there seems to be a gradual increase of interest in supporting religious institutions."

20. LONDONDERRY. Rev. M. A. Gates closed his labors with this church last fall. Rev. J. W. Tarleton succeeded him temporarily and labored till the middle of May. Since then they have been destitute. Mr. Tarleton writes: "I may say that there has been a growing interest among this people in the institutions of religion, as has appeared from their attendance upon public worship, and from their readiness to contribute to their support. They are anxious to have a settled ministry as soon as possible."

21. LOWELL. The pastor writes: "The past year has been one of hard and faithful labor. The parsonage, costing already some $1600, has been so far completed as to be a very comfortable and convenient tenement; and the people intend to add $250 to their subscription, needed to complete the buildings and enclose the grounds with a suitable fence, as soon as they can see where the money is to come from to pay a subscription when they make one. The church has increased some in numbers—not much in means of a worldly nature, but largely in faith. Hence the lines are getting sharply drawn between the lukewarm and those not so. The terms 'cold time,' 'low state of religion,' would be applied to us by one who should judge from the small number of conversions reported. But some here have been learning that there is no reality to which these phrases apply; though when to sight the darkness is visible, to faith the light is clearest. The lowest state of religious feeling and apparent interest is the highest and perfecting state of faith where it exists in truth. A church any of whose members have begun to

learn this lesson cannot die. It is called to the sprinkling of that blood in the shedding of which life arises out of outward death. And such is the hope for this church. There is one young man here who has the spirit to prepare for the ministry. He has the gift from God to render him useful in it—is just now of age, and without means to prosecute his studies—has begun the languages a little. He is waiting *on* God, not *for* him—at work as he is able. I do not encourage him much to enter the work without a liberal education, but to fit for college as soon as possible. Meantime his associations and work here are not without benefit to him. This field is evidently under the special care of One wiser than we. It is ours to see that we do his bidding."

22. LUDLOW. Rev. J. P. Stone left in the fall and was succeeded by Rev. H. A. Duboc, who writes: "Late in the fall the church was painted outside at an expense of $120.00. Two hundred and fifty dollars more are in the hands of the committee to be applied to inside repairs. As to the spiritual condition of the church, though I cannot report any *special interest*, it is not discouraging. The weekly meeting has been sustained through the worst winter weather. There have been three hopeful conversions. The attendance at the prayer meetings is improving. Five families of our church and society have moved out of town within the last six months, by which the church and Sabbath school have alike suffered. All things considered, however, our prospects appear to me rather hopeful."

23. MIDDLETOWN. Rev. O. Myrick has returned to this field. Quite an extensive work of grace is understood to have taken place in connection with this church, but no definite report has been received of it.

24. MORGAN. The week of prayer was observed here for the first time with great profit. The additions made to the church for the past few years have increased its efficiency, and made good the place of those who have gone. The missionary says: "On the whole the present state and prospects of this field have been and are still increasing in hopefulness."

25. MARLBORO. The missionary expresses disappointment in regard to the results of his year's labor. The church is in a dilapidated condition, the parsonage untenantable, no suitable house can be obtained for the minister's family to live in, and the people cannot be induced to make any effort to remedy these defects. When a community neglect the house and worship of God, they will suffer in all their temporal as well as spiritual interests.

26. NEWBURY WEST. This church was without preaching for some months after Mr. Connell left. They finally secured the services of Rev. R. D. Miller, who expresses a strong interest in his charge. His parish is about seven miles long by four wide.

27. PITTSFIELD AND SHERBURNE. After Rev. S. Sparhawk was called so suddenly to enter into rest, Rev. J. B. Clark took his place. The church in Pittsfield is small, the young people are few, and the prospect of increase is not great, but all the families need the gospel. Mr. Clark preaches a part of the time in Sherburne, where there is no Congregational church, but where there are several Christian people of different denominations.

28. PLAINFIELD. The institutions of the gospel have been sustained, but the church numbers two less than it did a year ago. A similar report was made the year before. How long shall this continue? Will not the church seek more earnestly the reviving and converting influences of the Holy Spirit?

29. RIPTON. This has been an eventful year to this church. It has, by the aid of the Congregational Union, paid off its debt. Its pastor, by a fall, broke a limb so as to be laid aside for some months from active service, and God in mercy visited them and renewed some hearts. The pastor writes: "In view of what God has done for us, in bringing out *seven* to join us during the year, and in helping to throw off the burden of pecuniary obligation for the meeting-house, we feel like thanking God and taking courage."

30. ROXBURY. This church, with its pastor, has had to meet some peculiar trials, which have called for the exercise of patience, Christian forbearance and steadfastness. By reason of the Universalists and Spiritists claiming the use of the church half of the time, they felt it to be their duty to have separate meetings in the town house on the Sabbaths they could not have the church. A minister of another evangelical denomination, at the request of some citizens, saw fit to come and set up separate meetings there half of the time, thus tending to divide the Christian element in the town and to set up a rival interest. The past religious history of the town has given unmistakable proofs of the evils of the attempt to sustain too many religious meetings, side by side, in our small towns. They tend to destroy each other, and paralyze all religious effort.

31. ROYALTON SOUTH. The pastor was dismissed by reason of ill health, since which time this church has been unsupplied.

32. SHELDON. Mr. Tolman was obliged to resign, on account of the state of his health, near the beginning of the year. The church

have since supplied themselves with preaching, and propose to be dependent no longer on the Missionary Society.

33. SUDBURY. The missionary who has patiently labored for twelve years with this church writes: "The general aspect of my field was never more encouraging. The Sabbath congregation is decidedly in advance of last year, being seventy-five now to fifty at that time. The interest manifested by the hearers is very pleasing, and gives promise of hopeful results. We hold four weekly prayer meetings, all of which are interesting, especially the young people's, which has been recently formed, and is entirely under their care. We have also recently formed a Young Men's Christian Association, which we trust will be beneficial. Our Sabbath school was never more encouraging than at present. The addition of about $100.00 worth of new books to the library has much improved the entire aspect of the school."

34. TROY. The state of the church and the size of the Sabbath school and congregation are mentioned by the missionary as more encouraging than they were a year ago.

35. TROY NORTH. Rev. David Connell has labored with this church about six months, previous to which there had been no preaching, prayer meeting or Sabbath school for some months. Since he went there the Sabbath school has been re-gathered, a prayer meeting established, and a parsonage purchased for $1200.00. Three-fourths of this amount has been paid.

36. TUNBRIDGE. Four cases of sudden death,—three of them active male members of the church, the other a young man indulging a hope,—have weakened the working force of the church, and produced a profound impression in the community. In these afflictions the hopeful conversion of five souls has led to the feeling that God was still with them in love and mercy.

37. WEATHERSFIELD BOW. Eighteen have been dismissed from this church during the year, to form a new church at Ascutneyville. Some alterations have been made in the interior of the church building. Rev. P. Wallingford who has supplied the church through the year, writes: "We have enjoyed no special revival, though we hope one or two have been converted. The parish is very small, including but thirty families, and probably not more than one hundred and fifty persons, and in this, as in all other parishes, there are many who never think of going to church. Those who do attend are very constant and regular. A very large proportion of them go into the Sabbath school. There is a good degree of union and harmony in the church."

38. WEST HAVEN. Rev. H. Lancashire has labored here and at East Whitehall. During a part of the year two and three meetings a week, besides the Sabbath services, were held in this parish. Several hopeful conversions have occurred. It is a matter of regret that Mr. Lancashire left for another field near the close of the year.

39. WOLCOTT. Though the health of the missionary has been somewhat impaired, he has continued his labors, and speaks hopefully of his field and work. He finds that the mineral springs discovered in town are much frequented on the Sabbath, and lead to a desecration of that day.

40. WHITEHALL EAST. This small, but diminishing church, which has been supplied the past year by Rev. H. Lancashire, is now destitute. It accommodates but a small neighborhood. The Christian element there seems to be growing less by removals, and the future prospects of the church look dark. Still it is to be hoped that in connection with West Haven they may have preaching again.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

	Fields and Missionaries.	Begun.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Am'ts paid. By the people.	Am'ts paid. By the society.	Am'ts paid. Total.	Aver. Congregation.	No. in Sab. School.
1.	ATHENS									
	P. D. Murry	May 28, 1870	1	$8 00						
2.	BRAINTREE								60	30
	J. Chalmers	May 14, 1870	3	8 00						
3.	BRIDGEWATER								105	40
	E. A. Reed	May 14, 1869	10	7 00	$5 75	$37 61	$59 14	$96 75		
	M. E. Julian	May 15, 1870	3	8 00						
4.	BRISTOL								90	60
	W. G. Marts	May 21, 1870	2	8 00						
5.	CALAIS EAST								90	40
	J. T. Graves	Mar. 22, 1870	3	8 00	3 50	10 80	16 70	27 50		
6.	CANAAN								80	35
	L. M. Foster	June 13, 1869	11	7 00	14 50	33 50	59 00	91 50		
7.	CORINTH								90	30
	C. M. Winch	Nov. 1, 1868	10							
8.	DANBY								60	30
	Chas. M. Southgate	July 24, 1869	8	7 00	8 00	40 00	24 00	64 00		
9.	DUXBURY								60	40
	C. S. Newhall	May 15, 1870	3	8 00						
10.	HYDEPARK NORTH								75	30
	E. P. Herrick	Sept. 5, 1869	6	7 00	5 15	14 66	32 49	47 15		
11.	MARSHFIELD								90	60
	J. T. Graves	Mar. 22, 1870	3	8 00	3 50	24 00	3 80	27 50		
	N. F. Cobleigh	May 29, 1870	1							
12.	MONTGOMERY								58	41
	Jas. B. Taylor	June 10, 1869	12	7 00	5 90	50 00	43 80	93 80		
13.	ORANGE								70	30
	C. M. Winch	Nov. 1868	10							
	J. Henry House	May 15, 1870	3	8 00						
14.	PLYMOUTH								50	40
	C. W. Fifield	June 11, 1869	11	7 00	4 90	17 00	64 90	81 90		
	Chas. L. Mitchell	Mar. 22, 1870	6	8 00	5 75		53 75	53 75		
15.	POMFRET								95	60
	H. H. Hamilton	May 14, 1870	3	8 00						
16.	SIMONSVILLE								45	16
	Wm. B. Cary	May 19, 1869	15	7 00	5 00		124 00	124 00		
17.	SNOWSVILLE									
	Rev. C. M. Winch									
18.	STRATTON								50	30
	A. B. Emmons	May 21, 1870	1	8 00						
19.	VERSHIRE								60	25
	A. H. Norris	May 28, 1870	1	8 00						
20.	WATERVILLE								115	40
	Edwin P. Herrick	Sept. 5, 1869	7	7 00	5 20	43 50	10 70	54 20		
21.	WASHINGTON									
	C. M. Winch									
22.	WEST FAIRLEE								110	45
	John H. DeForrest	June 1, 1869	13	7 00	10 00	200 00		200 00		
	C. M. Winch									
23.	WORCESTER								80	40
	Levi Rodgers	Aug. 1, 1869	7	7 00	7 35	56 35		56 35		

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ATHENS. A call came from this field for a laborer, to which we were glad to respond, as they were without preaching. The town is small, with no village, and the inhabitants cannot be accommodated with religious privileges elsewhere. The missionary has only just entered upon his work and has made no report yet.

2. BRAINTREE. Rev. A. Nichols has been unable to preach much the past year. A Sabbath school has been kept up by a few praying and faithful souls. Those living on Braintree Hill are so far from any church where religious worship is regularly maintained, that it seems to be their duty to keep up public worship. They have a comfortable church and several acres of land. If they could raise enough to build a parsonage, there seems to be no reason why they should not have a pastor and preaching permanently. The student now laboring there has a good audience and much to encourage him.

3. BRIDGEWATER. There are few places where there seems to be more need of the continuous preaching of the gospel than here; and yet, with what the Missionary Society has been enabled to do, they have been supplied only about one-third of the year. There are no other religious services in the village. Error exists here in a positive and aggressive form, and there is need of the clear and manly proclamation of gospel truth to overcome it. The missionary who was there last summer writes: "The attendance at church on the Sabbath is good, and shows a steady increase. I think if the gospel could be preached regularly, a strong church could be built up in a few years. The *young* are friendly to religion. The *hopeful* field is the *Sabbath school*. I do hope some one will be found to take my place. I cannot bear to think of their being without preaching through another winter."

4. BRISTOL. The name of this church ought not to appear in our Itinerant Department, but after Rev. A. B. Lyon left them, being somewhat in debt to him, they fell into a chronic state of discouragement, were living along with no preaching, and were making little effort to secure any. It was to bring them to a better mind that a student was sent them. It is expected that they will pay his salary.

5. CALAIS EAST. This village is growing in business importance. It has been in accordance with an earnest request of the people that a student has been sent them again. We have strong hopes of securing a man to supply them and the church in Marshfield through the year.

6. CANAAN. There has been some religious interest in this town and some hopeful conversions during the year. The student who labored there last summer—Mr. L. M. Foster—at the earnest request of the people, consented to spend some time with them during the present season.

7. CORINTH. Mr. Winch completed his work as county missionary, November 1, and preached nearly every other Sabbath to this church. His services were so acceptable to them that they have since then employed him as their acting pastor.

8. DANBY. Previous to the organization of a church in this place they were supplied for a season by a student. (*See Ordinary Department.*)

9. DUXBURY. There has been little change in the religious condition of this town for several years. The people are able, if they were all united, to sustain a minister. If they fully appreciated the worth of gospel institutions, they would do so. A few are anxious to have preaching constantly, but the greater part are so indifferent that they are not willing to be at much cost to sustain a minister, consequently they are, the larger part of the year, without public worship.

10. HYDEPARK NORTH. This church has been supplied with preaching every other Sabbath for several years by Rev. J. G. Bailey. But since he commenced preaching all the time at Hydepark, they have had no regular preaching by any Congregational minister. As they are unable to sustain a minister, there seems to be no way of supplying them except as a man alternates between this church and Waterville.

11. MARSHFIELD. A new interest seems to be awakened in this church and community in having Congregational preaching. The church is very small and has had but little preaching for some years. Through the agency of Rev. S. F. Drew of Cabot, they were favored with preaching several Sabbaths during last summer and winter. Arrangements are being made to secure a laborer for this place and East Calais through the year.

12. MONTGOMERY. A feeble church, of which Rev. S. Paine is pastor, but has been unable to preach for some years. A student was sent them last summer. They have now an arrangement by which Rev. E. W. Hatch of East Berkshire preaches for them part of the time.

13. ORANGE was supplied by Rev. C. M. Winch, on alternate

Sabbaths till November. They had no preaching through the winter. A student will continue with them through the summer. There should be a minister here through the year. The inhabitants could have one if they were willing to do what they are able to secure one.

14. POMFRET has been destitute since Mr. Duren left them. A new desire seems to be awakened there to secure a permanent minister again. It is believed that the labors of the Itinerant missionary have contributed considerably to increase that feeling.

15. PLYMOUTH. A great deal of patient, faithful labor is needed in this field. Some forms of error that have been prevalent seem to be waning. But few, however, are really interested in sustaining religious meetings. That which seems to be most needed for the good of the people—the continuous labors of some earnest Christian man—is the thing that it seems impossible, with what the people are disposed to do, to provide them with. The labors of the missionaries have been devoted to Tyson Furnace and the south part of the town.

16. SIMONSVILLE. God has been pleased to bless the labors of the missionaries in this field, which seemed so hopeless at first. Four churches have received into their fellowship persons who we trust were brought to give their hearts to Christ through the prayers and instruction of the Itinerant laborers sent here. The Universalists and Spiritists occupy the meeting-house this summer, so that no student has been sent them.

17. SNOWSVILLE. This village is in Braintree, near Brookfield. There is a meeting-house in it which is open to every form of error. There has been for some years very little evangelical preaching in it. At the request of the Secretary, Mr. Winch visited the people and held services with them. It is a community that needs to be sought out by the Church and furnished with gospel privileges.

18. STRATTON. All the preaching that this little church has is furnished them through the Itinerant branch of our work. A student labors with them this summer.

19. VERSHIRE. The old church has gone to decay, and is situated where it does not well accommodate the present society. The question of locating and building a new house, has been a matter of disagreement, and has paralyzed all effort. Meanwhile, the church grows weaker and the ways of Zion mourn. A student has been sent to bring them together before God, with the hope that they may be better united and act together for the upbuilding of Christ's cause in the town.

20. WATERVILLE. This church has received some additions during the past two years. As they have the use of the meeting-house but half of the time, it has been found difficult to supply them with a student, as there was no other place within a convenient distance where he could preach the other half of the time. It is hoped that an arrangement will be made to unite this field with North Hydepark.

21. WASHINGTON. The church here is diminishing in numbers and bids fair to become extinct. Mr. Winch, while preaching in Orange, held some services in the meeting-house at the "Flats."

22. WEST FAIRLEE VILLAGE was supplied last summer by a student. The people paid his entire salary. There is abundant ability to sustain a minister here, if the people were of one mind.

23. WORCESTER has been without preaching most of the time since Mr. Perry left them. They are able to raise only a small salary. A student was sent them last summer, whose salary they paid. They are very anxious to secure a pastor, and have a subscription raised for that purpose.

SUMMARY.

IN THE ORDINARY DEPARTMENT

Forty churches have been aided in maintaining the ordinances of the gospel. They gather into their Sabbath schools 1,753 teachers and pupils, and have associated with them in the public worship of God, on each returning Lord's day, congregations amounting in the aggregate to 3,223 persons. A much larger number share, to a greater or less extent, in the faithful labors of the missionaries employed.

GROWTH.

Thirteen churches have received no additions to their membership by profession, and number twenty less than they did a year ago. One hundred and eighty-four hopeful conversions are reported.

Eighty-two have been received on profession of faith and forty-six by letter. The churches most blessed are Hubbardton, Middletown and Albany. The latter has made the largest addition to its membership. The losses by dismissions and deaths have been seventy-two, leaving a net gain of fifty-seven.

CHURCHES AIDED.

The number of churches aided is nine less than was reported a year ago. Two of the nine—Warren and Weston—have become so reduced that there seems to be little present prospect of their having preaching all of the time. Two others—Morrisville and Worcester—have been without a minister through the year. The other five—Ferrisburgh, Sheldon, Jamaica, Guildhall and Bristol—have attempted to sustain preaching without help. The two latter, through the loss of their pastors and some pecuniary difficulties, do not seem to be prospering.

A new church was organized last fall in Danby, in a community whose ancestors were Quakers. Many of their children have given up the faith of their fathers and can hardly be said to have adopted any other. There was evidently great need of the incoming of some influence more vital than had been felt for a generation past. The movement for establishing a Congregational church was started by some of the inhabitants who desired a different state of things. It is to be hoped that, through the favor of God, this church will be a blessing to the town. But it is evident that there will be need of much patient labor and of the enlightening and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

There has been a change of ministers in thirteen of the missionary churches during the year. These changes have seriously affected some of them, as they have been left a part or the whole of the year without a shepherd's care. The feeble churches are more liable to lose their ministers than are the stronger, and they are less able to bear the loss or to make it good.

THE MISSIONARIES—THEIR SELF-DENIALS.

It requires self-denial and much of the spirit of Him who was anointed to preach the gospel to the poor, to lead earnest and efficient men to go and labor in our small country parishes. And it should be said to the honor of several of the missionaries, who are devoting the strength of their manhood to this work, that, with great cost to themselves and their families, they conscientiously stay from year to year where they are, for Christ's sake, although more attract-

ive fields invite them away. The cause of Domestic Missions in Vermont owes more to the voluntary self-denials and gifts of some of her home missionaries, than it does to the contributions of her wealthier churches.

Our ablest churches think that they do generously if, of their abundance, they simply give $150.00 or $200.00 a year to promote this cause, yet there are several missionaries, of rare gifts of mind and heart, who are patiently toiling in our feeble churches, who really, in what they resign, give more than that amount every year to this object. They deny themselves the books and the vacations they need; they perform their parish work on foot, because they cannot afford the luxury of a horse; they do without help in their families, to their own discomfort and to the injury of the health of wife and mother; they close their ears to calls from more inviting fields, enforced by the promise of—what they so much need—a competent salary, out of deep sympathy for the little flocks whom they lead into the rich pastures of heavenly truth, and who, if deserted by them, might be left with none to feed or fold them.

The sacrifices which these men make, put to shame all the fancied generosity of the stronger churches. What is twenty, fifty, or a hundred dollars a year given by a man who is doing a remunerative business, in comparison with what the missionary gives, who consents to labor for the smallest sum upon which, with the strictest economy, he can supply his family with the bare necessaries of life? Blessed is the feeble church that has such a man for its pastor, and appreciates his worth. Blessed are the men who have such a measure of the spirit of their Master, as leads them thus to preach the gospel to the poor. Is there enough of this spirit in the church and ministry at the present day?

THE MINISTRY CALLED TO SELF-DENIAL.

Does Christ call his ministers only to pleasant parishes and to large salaries, or does he invite them to follow him into the wilderness and desert places, and amid *self-denials* to preach the gospel to the poor? While we earnestly maintain the *principle* that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and that it is the *duty* of the churches to give a competent support to those who minister to them in spiritual things, let us not lose sight of the *fact* that Christ himself, in preaching the gospel to the poor, cheerfully endured privations, and that in all ages since, he has given his disciples the *privilege* of following his example in this respect, and made it the duty of some to do so, in carrying out his command, to preach the gospel to every creature.

IN THE ITINERANT DEPARTMENT

Twenty-two laborers have been employed in twenty-five different fields; in several of which some souls have hopefully been brought to Christ. In most of these places there are feeble churches which have no preaching through the year except what is thus given them.

FIELDS OCCUPIED.

There are at the present time theological students laboring with the churches in Marshfield, Duxbury, Braintree, Vershire, Pomfret, Bridgewater and Stratton. One has also been sent to Bristol to try and raise them from their discouragements. In eight fields, where students are employed, no Congregational church exists, nor have we any present purpose or expectation of establishing churches in them. We expect that those who are brought to Christ in these fields, by our efforts, will join such evangelical churches as they have easiest access to.

PRINCIPLES WE ACT UPON.

We occupy these fields because undying souls are in them with no one to tell them of the sinner's Friend, and urge them to take hold of the hope that is set before them in the gospel. The redemption of men from sin is a higher end to seek than denominational enlargement. Hence we have sent students to preach Christ in such places as Canaan and East Calais and Orange and Sherburne and Tyson Furnace and Athens and Simonsville. The policy has sometimes been questioned of sending missionaries, at considerable expense, into moral wastes where no church exists to gather up the fruits of such labors. The commission which Christ gave his Church, and the wants of such communities, furnish all the warrant we need for the continued prosecution of this work.

FRUITS GATHERED.

Much of the good that is accomplished in such fields, from the circumstances of the case, probably never comes to our knowledge. Yet from time to time we are permitted to see and learn enough to convince us that God blesses these efforts. Five years ago we sent a student, for the first time, to what appeared to be one of the most hopeless fields in Windsor county. Only one or two praying souls were known to live there. The Sabbath was openly violated. The great mass of the community rejected the idea of Christ's sacrificial death to atone for sin, and many of the people, dissatisfied with the revealed word of God as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, repeated Saul's sin of consulting those who had familiar spirits. A short time since we had a letter from a Christian

woman, a confirmed invalid, a resident of the place, through whose faith, prayers and earnest solicitations we have been encouraged to persevere in sending students there, though they have met with the most active and outspoken opposition. In speaking of the results of the labors performed she says: "Six members of Mr. Pitkin's (one of the students) congregation and Sabbath school, who lived in the north part of the town, have become good members of a neighboring Baptist church. Another professes to have found Christ, who has not yet united with his visible church. Three other members of Mr. Pitkin's Sabbath school, and one a member of my class, experienced religion in Springfield a year ago, and joined the Methodist church there. Who shall say that the impressions received that summer did not prepare the way for other means, and thus combine with other efforts in working their conversion? By missionary labor here six have been led to unite with the Congregational churches in Chester and Londonderry. Four others, I trust, have found the Saviour who have not yet connected themselves with any church. I do confidently believe that good has been done here by missionary labor, and yet it looks dark to me. We need *workers* in this place—Christian *men* to *live* and *work* here. When shall we get them? Many changes take place in town. People come and go, but I have looked in vain for the coming of some *earnest Christian workers*. Do you not know some *earnest Christian family* who have a missionary spirit? Tell them not to go to Asia Minor, but come here to Simonsville, where they are needed *more*." One of the young ladies who was converted under the labors of the first missionary sent there, became his wife, and is now laboring as a missionary herself in Bagota.

Thus we learn that as some of the fruits of Itinerant labor in that place, in the course of five years, twenty persons from that apparently barren field have been hopefully converted—one of whom has become a missionary to a foreign country. All of them come under the influence of the missionaries sent them, and about half of them seem to owe their conversion, under God, directly to these labors.

WOMAN'S FAITH AND WORK.

It is but just to remark here, that in these darkest fields, where there is not a man to be found on the Lord's side, it is frequently the case that some Christian woman comes forward, who, with a faith that removes mountains, secures for herself and neighbors the preaching of God's word. In several of these places all our correspondence for years has been with such women. In one case a widow lady, of small income, has not only asked for a missionary, but has taken him into her own family and boarded him for three months at a time, at her own expense, because no one in the community cared enough for

gospel privileges to help her. Verily such shall have their reward! It is mainly to carry on our Itinerant work in such places, that appeals are made to the women connected with our churches and congregations to form and keep up

CENT SOCIETIES.

If all the ladies could realize the good they might accomplish through such organizations, they would not value the little pains and expense which are necessary to make these societies a permanent success. It is with pleasure that we announce that an efficient and earnest Christian lady has consented to take the oversight of this work, and will soon communicate by circular with all existing organizations and with some one connected with the several churches. We bespeak for her the confidence and hearty co-operation of all.

COUNTY MISSIONARIES.

To make our Itinerant work more effective, we have tried the experiment of employing a county missionary in Orange county. Rev. C. M. Winch continued to labor in this capacity till the close of his year in November, when he was induced by the church in Corinth to become their acting pastor. His labors were mostly devoted to Corinth, Orange and Washington, though he visited Snowsville, West Fairlee and Vershire. As much good was accomplished by this effort as perhaps we could ordinarily expect from such work. The word of God was preached through the year where otherwise the house of God would have been unvisited. Good congregations were gathered, and Sabbath schools kept up. The church in Corinth was so roused that they are now supporting their minister without aid. Three students are now in that county following up this work. We have made repeated efforts during the year to secure other county missionaries, but without success. There is an evident reluctance on the part of the ministers of our denomination to work in this way. They prefer to put forth their efforts in one parish, in connection with a single church, rather than to assume the somewhat more laborious work of seeking out the neglected and needy in more widely scattered fields. And here lies our chief difficulty in the prosecution of this work—the want of *efficient* and *earnest* men to take it in hand.

The need of some such agency can hardly be questioned by one who has carefully looked over our State in reference to its spiritual wants. There are large neighborhoods at a distance from any regular place of Christian worship, and some whole towns that are unreached by any existing agency employed by the church to save men from sin. We cannot by students' labors meet all the wants of such places. There needs to be some more permanent and pliable instru-

mentality that, through the year, can adjust itself to the necessities and peculiarities of the different fields—now visiting some destitute feeble church, to confirm their faith and administer to them the ordinances, now calling upon the families in some back neighborhood, and gathering them for worship into a school house—preaching Christ from house to house, wherever the need is the greatest. There should be no neglected places in the State—none left to become the strongholds of error—the seed-plots of irreligion and infidelity. The gospel is God's prescribed remedy for all the evils that beset society and threaten the Church, and it is the duty of the Church in each State to see that no neighborhoods are left unblessed with it. Our great danger lies in not faithfully applying the gospel in all the places where it is needed. In all our conflicts with the powers of darkness and for the redemption of every moral waste, we have in our hands that which has, when properly used, been mighty through God to the pulling down strongholds, and for the emancipation of men from the bonds of sin and error.

If truth fall in the streets; if spiritual religion dies out in any locality; if the land of the Pilgrims' sepulchers becomes the home of indifferentism—of indigenous or imported vice and skeptism—it will not be because we have no adequate means of prevention, but because we do not adapt our efforts to the necessities of the case, and employ an agency efficient and elastic enough to meet men in city and in country—at our social centers and in the mountain districts—with the gospel warm in the heart and living on the tongue. When men are not gathered for religious worship, and God's truth is not brought home to their hearts by the living preacher, Christianity loses its vitalizing power over the masses, and they become infidel.

THE PRINCIPLES AND EXAMPLE OF OUR PILGRIM FATHERS.

Our pilgrim fathers understood well the importance of providing religious instruction for all the people. The principles of the home missionary work were deeply laid in their hearts. There was no one thing that they sought with more determination and persistency than to provide for the religious training of every man, woman and child. "The first trees that fell before their sturdy arms were framed into meeting-houses. Their first town votes and legislative acts provided for the settlement and support of ministers. At the end of the first thirty-six years from their landing, they had erected forty-seven houses of worship, or one for every 700 inhabitants—including men, women and children." The enlargement God gave them, and all the civil, social and religious prosperity that has come upon their descendants, can be traced as directly to their zeal for the house of

God, and to their faithful teaching of gospel truth to all the people, as a river can be traced to its source, or a ray of light to the sun.

On this memorial year, as we recall the self-denials and sturdy integrity of our fathers, as we recount their virtues and gaze with admiration upon the mighty social fabric whose foundations were laid in their faith and prayers, as we praise God for the extension of their church polity, let us not lose sight of the secret of their success and of the hidings of their power. They planted their feet in the house of the Lord, therefore they *flourished* in the courts of our God. They were faithful in seeing that all were instructed in divine truth, therefore they had a godly seed. Let us renew our faith in the power of God's word, and in the use of his appointed means of grace, to meet the necessities of every community and individual. Let us renew our determination to apply the power of God's word to all hearts, and adopt such means and agencies as shall secure this result. And let us celebrate this memorial year by making greatly enlarged offerings of temporal things to redeem and build up our waste places.

FOR THE DIRECTORS.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 16, 1870.

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.				
BRIDPORT—Church and society, June 18	$50 00	$	$	$
CORNWALL—Church and society, Jan. 12, $63 20; Feb. 16, $4 62; June 7, Cent Society, $23 33	67 82		23 33	
FERRISBURGH—Church and society, June 15	25 00			
MIDDLEBURY—Church and society, June 9	85 60			
ORWELL—Church and society, Dec. 19	53 00			
RIPTON—Church and society, March 22	14 00			
SHOREHAM—Church and society, Jan	28 85			
BENNINGTON COUNTY.				
ARLINGTON EAST—June 7, Church and society, $16 00; C. Redfield, $5 00	21 00			
BENNINGTON—1st Church and society, Oct. 23	55 33			
DORSET—Church and society, Dec. 8	30 20			
MANCHESTER—Church and society, Nov. 2	30 60			
RUPERT—Church and society, Aug. 4	20 00			
CALEDONIA COUNTY.				
BARNET—Church and society, June 15	75 30			
BURKE EAST—Church and society, May 16	10 00			
DANVILLE—Church and society, June 18	20 00			
HARDWICK—Church and society, May 4	30 00			
LYNDON—Church and society, March 17, $17 75; April 14, $12 00	29 75			
McINDOES FALLS—Church and society, May 1	4 80			
PEACHAM—Church and society, July 22, $47 00; Nov. 14, $39 44; May 30, D. M., $43 25	129 67			
ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER—Church and society, Dec. 22	12 15			
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church and society, June 29, $55 15; Dec. 8, $81 05	136 05			
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 7, $39 85; June 7, Cent Society, $25 00	39 85		25 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY—April 20, Horace Fairbanks, Esq	250 00	250 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and society, June 14 $92 54; Aug. 3, $63 00; Dec. 3, $81 05; Feb. 15, $55 20; June 16, $44 02; Cent Society, $12 50	336 91			12 50

There has been received $500 00 from Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks, and $500 00 from the estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, but by mistake they did not reach the Treasurer till after the accounts for the year were closed and audited. They will appear in the footings next year.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
BURLINGTON—1st Church and society, June 30, March 9, J. W. Hickok, Esq., $ 100,00..	$ 188 75	$ 100 00	$	$
BURLINGTON—3d Church and society, Feb. 8	82 59			
CHARLOTTE—Church and society, Feb. 17, $41 00; April 29, Cent Society, $10 00	41 00			10 00
COLCHESTER—Church and society, March 24	7 50			
HINESBURGH—Church and society, Sept. 3	15 00			
JERICHO—1st Church and society, June 15, $2 00; Jan. 8, $25 75; Cent Society, $10 00	27 75			10 00
UNDERHILL—Church and society, June 17	20 00			
WESTFIELD—June 17, Cent Society				17 00
WILLISTON—Church and society, May 23	25 00			
WINOOSKI—Church and society, Feb. 24	18 00			
ESSEX COUNTY.				
CANAAN—Sept. 7				33 00
GRANBY—Church and society, May 21	12 00			
LUNENBURGH—Church and society, Jan. 5	11 78			
COOS AND ESSEX—County Conference		1 57		
FRANKLIN COUNTY.				
BAKERSFIELD—August, Mrs. Eunice Paige, $20 00, and Dec. 18, $10 00 to constitute herself a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.; Feb. 24, church and society, $12 85.	42 85			
BERKSHIRE EAST—Church and society, Oct. 28, $6 00; June 31, $13 25	18 25			
ENOSBURGH—Church and society, April 1	20 00			
GEORGIA—Church and society, Jan. 5, $20 00; Jan. 10, $1 00	21 00			
HIGHGATE—Church and society, March 8	17 00			
MONTGOMERY—Church and society, Sept. 8				50 00
SHELDON—Church and society, May 4	10 73			
ST. ALBANS—1st Church and society, Nov. 10, $448 20, to constitute Lawrence Brainard, Jr., Chillis F. Safford, Mrs. Caroline S. Dutcher, Mrs. Rachel Stearns, Jeremiah Clark, Alfred H. Huntington, Mrs. Eliza Fuller, Mrs. Betsey Hubbell, Mrs. Mary Gorham, Collins H. Huntington, Enoch B. Whiting, Mrs Mary L. Whiting, Mrs. Hannah Todd, Mrs. Susan O. Woodward, and Mrs. Ann Eliza Smith Life Members; June 18, Cent Society, $60 00	448 20			60 00
SWANTON—Church and society, Feb. 24	24 42			
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE—Conference, June 16		11 70		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.				
HYDEPARK—Church and society, May 31	24 00			
HYDEPARK NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 8				14 66
JOHNSON—Church and society, Aug. 16	22 70			
STOWE—Church and society, May 9, $12 60; May 16, Cent Society, $18 56	12 60		18 56	
WATERVILLE—Church and society, Sept. 8, $43 50; Feb. 14, a friend, $5 00		5 00		43 50
WOLCOTT—Church and society, May 28	15 00			
LAMOILLE—County Conference, June 15		1 23		
ORANGE COUNTY.				
BRADFORD—Church and society, Aug. 21, $35 32; May 28, Cent Society, $33 22	35 32		33 22	
NEWBURY—Church and society, Sept 14, $43 51; Cent Society, $23 00; May 16, M. C., $21 34; May 23, Dea. F. Keyes, $50 00; Cent Society, $25 00	67 85	50 00	48 00	
NEWBURY WEST—Church and society, July 14	12 50			
ORANGE—Feb. 25, $15 00; May 5, $30 00				45 00
POST MILLS—Church and society, Sept. 7	7 00			
RANDOLPH CENTER—Church and society, Sept. 28	6 41			
RANDOLPH WEST—Church and society, May 17	25 26			
THETFORD—Church and society, April 18	57 60			
TUNBRIDGE—Church and society, May 23, $5 00; Nov. 1, Mrs. Benjamin Reynolds, $20 00, to constitute herself a Life Member	25 00			
WELLS RIVER—Church and society, Aug. 30	28 80			

ORANGE COUNTY—*Continued.*	From Ordinary department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
WEST FAIRLEE—Sept. 21, Cent Society	$	$	$1 56	$
WEST FAIRLEE VILLAGE—Sept. 8				200 00
WILLIAMSTOWN—Church and society, June 29	15 84			
ORLEANS COUNTY.				
ALBANY—Church and society, June 8	11 00			
BARTON—June 23, Cent Society, $21 50; June 8, $21 87; to constitute Mrs. A. C. Robinson and Mrs. Catharine F. Barnard Life Members			43 37	
BROWNINGTON—Church and society, Feb. 11	11 17			
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and society, April 13, $43 85, to constitute Rev. A. C. Childs a Life Member; May 9, Cent Society, $6 15	43 85		6 15	
COVENTRY—Church and society, April 14, $55 00; to constitute Samuel H. Pearson and Rev. John C. Houghton Life Members	55 00			
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, April 21, $28 54; Cent Society, $8 86	28 54		8 86	
GLOVER—Church and society, Sept. 20	2 35			
GREENSBORO—Church and society, June 7	21 29			
HOLLAND—Church and society, June 9	10 00			
MORGAN—Church and society, June 1	10 50			
NEWPORT—Church and society, June 15	30 00			
TROY—Church and society, June 1	5 00			
WESTFIELD—Church and society, Feb. 6	12 73			
RUTLAND COUNTY.				
BENSON—Church and society, April 21, 1869, $33 29; May 12, 1870, $11 00	44 29			
BRANDON—Church and society, Feb. 16, $15 00; Cent Society, June 15, $10 00	15 00		10 00	
CASTLETON—Church and society, Dec. 11, $54 12; to constitute John M. Ainsworth a Life Member of the A. H. M. S., by his mother, $30 00	84 12			
CLARENDON—Church and society, Nov. 11, $48 33, of which, from Dea. F. Button, $20 00 to constitute Eugene Smith a Life Member; March 24, Cent Society, $28 00	48 33		28 00	
DANBY—Church and society, Sept. 28, $40 00; May 4, $20 00 to constitute Dea. Gideon S. Tabor a Life Member	20 00			40 00
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, June 10, $8 25; June 15, $10 00	18 25			
PITTSFORD—Church and society, Nov. 7, $15 00; June 7, C. W., $5 00	20 00			
RUTLAND—Church and society, July 9, $43 67; Oct. 4, $38 25; Dec. 14, $33 16; March 8, $42 60; June 17, $55 00	211 71			
SUDBURY—Church and society, June 14	28 00			
WALLINGFORD—Church and society, Nov., $75 47, of which from A. W., to constitute Aurora K. Batcheller a Life Member of A. H. M. S., $30 00; Nov. 15, balance, $5 00; Cent Society, $24 88	80 47		24 88	
WEST HAVEN—Church and society, June 1	7 23			
WHITEHALL EAST—Church and society, June 1	4 30			
WASHINGTON COUNTY.				
BARRE—Church and society, Aug. 11	42 40			
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, June 6	84 00			
CABOT—Church and society, June 8	15 00			
CALAIS EAST—May 2				10 00
MARSHFIELD—Church and society, May 1				24 00
MONTPELIER—Sept. 3, Mrs. Mary P. Hubbard, to constitute herself a Life Member, $20 00; Dec. 23, Sabbath School, $27 68; June 14 church and society, $142 50; July 14, Cent Society, $0 50	190 18		50	
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, Oct. 20, $14 07; Feb. 17, $13 86; June 12, $12 00 to constitute S. D. Dodge a Life Member of A. H. M. S.	39 93			
PLAINFIELD—Church and society, June 17	21 00			
ROXBURY—Church and society, March 7	28 00			
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, Sept. 17	10 00			
WATERBURY—Church and society, July 24, $29 00; Sept. 13, $13 50	42 50			
WORCESTER—Church and society, Sept. 12				59 35

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
WINDHAM COUNTY.				
BRATTLEBORO EAST—Church and society, Aug. 11, $234 77; Sept., Sabbath School, $20 00	$254 77	$	$	$
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Dec. 23	32 95			
BELLOWS FALLS—Church and society, Dec. 14	14 00			
CAMBRIDGEPORT—Church and society, May 3	4 00			
DUMMERSTON—Church and society, Dec. 23, $20 00; May 13, $25 00, Cent Society, to constitute Miss E. A. Estabrook a Life Member of A. H. M. S.	20 00		25 00	
WESTMINSTER WEST—Cent Society, June 15, $10 12; Dec. 23, church and society, $5 00	5 00		10 12	
WILMINGTON—Church and society, Feb. 26	8 00			
WINDHAM—Church and society, Dec. 23	14 00			
WINDSOR COUNTY.				
BETHEL—March 20, Cent Society			25 88	
CHESTER—Dec. 6, church and society, $13 15; Cent Society, $30 80, to constitute Mrs. Hannah M. Leonard a Life Member of the A. H. M. S	13 15		30 80	
GAYSVILLE—Church and society, May 31, $10 35; June 8, $7 00	17 35			
HARTFORD—Church and society, June 7, $34 00: Cent Society, Feb. 28, $3 50; May 15, $6 50; June 14, $8 00.	34 00		18 00	
LUDLOW—Church and society, June 2	11 00			
NORWICH—Church and society, June 3, $30 00; Cent Society, $35 00; May 3, J. G. Stimson, Esq., $100 00	85 00	50 00	35 00	
PLYMOUTH—SIMONSVILLE—Jan. 24, $5 00; Sept. 8, $17 00				22 00
POMFRET—Church and society, June 15	6 00			
QUECHEE—Church and society, Nov. 3			175	
ROCHESTER—May 8, Mrs. T. S. H., $5 00; Church and society, June 8, $7 10	12 10			
ROYALTON SOUTH—Church and society, Feb. 28	17 00			
SPRINGFIELD—Church and society, June 15, $296 00; June 21, $4 00, to constitute Mrs. Eliza A. Butterfield, Mrs. Nancy Barney, Mrs. Sybil Barrett, Mrs. Sarah Bigelow, Mrs. Abner Bisbee, Mrs. Abby Button, Dea. Adna Brown, Mrs. Mattie M. Brown, Mrs. Julia Brown, Mrs. Lydia Burbank, and Dea. Charles Haywood Life Members of the A. H. M. S.; Feb. 17, Dea. C. Haywood, $5 00	305 00			
WINDSOR—Church and society, Sept. 30	106 30			
WOODSTOCK—Church and society, June 22, $75 00; Feb. 8, $21 38; May 31, balance, $14 05, to constitute Dea. C. Dana Pierce, Rev. A. B. Dascomb, Solomon Thompson, and Mason W. Ladd, Life Members; March 24, Cent Society, $26 00; May 26, Church and society, $68 00, of which, from F. Billings, Esq., to constitute himself a Life Member, $25 00	178 23		26 00	
OTHER RECEIPTS.				
Annual Meeting collection at Brandon	83 92			
Aug. 10. Dividend of Conn. and Pass. Rivers R. R	134 10			
Oct. 23. W. W. Storrs, note and interest	560 00			
Dec. 23. On Conn. and Pass. River R. R. bonds	42 75			
Dec. 23. From coupons	21 51			
Dec. 28. On T. A. Murry's note	25 00			
Jan. 20. From coupons	97 27			
Jan. 20. Dividend of Conn. and Pass. River R. R.	133 00			
May 9. Interest on Towner's note	25 85			

☞ The moneys paid to the Secretary, at the Annual Meeting at Montpelier came too late to be embraced in the above receipts, as the account for the year closed on the 18th of June. They will appear in the next annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. STORRS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DEBIT.

To balance in treasury as by last Annual Report	$1,519 07
To received from demands	1,049 48
To received for Itinerant fund	467 50
To received from Cent Societies	556 26
To received from other collections and donations	5,797 99
	$9,392 31

CREDIT.

By paid orders of Secretary	$5,941 86	
By paid for printing and for distributing Annual Report	151 72	
By paid for Itinerant department	1,426 73	
By paid salary of Secretary	1,200 00	
By paid expenses of Secretary	200 00	
By paid for stationery, postage and expressage	30 91	
Balance in treasury	441 09	
		$9,392 31

I certify that I have examined the above account of C. W. Storrs, Treasurer, from June 12, 1869, to this date, and find him charged with the balance then on hand of $1,519 07

I find him charged with receipts since that date of 7,873 24

Making a total of $9,392 31

I find his disbursements have amounted to 8,951 22

Leaving a balance in his hands unaccounted for of $441 09

I have examined the vouchers and find the accounts correctly kept.

N. P. BROOKS, *for Auditor.*

Montpelier, June 22, 1870.

There is in the hands of the Treasurer, belonging to the Society, the following Estate, Notes, Bonds and Stocks:

The William Olverd farm, judgment of Court rendered and redemption expired		$973 00
4 Notes against	H. S. Towner	452 00
10 " "	F. A. Murry	1,195 94
3 " "	F. Butterfly	361 46
1 " "	Ebenezer Davis	346 09
3 " "	Wm. W. Storrs	1,763 80
Claim against Estate of I. Bowdish, as allowed by Commissioner		150 00

All the above are fully secured by mortgage.

23 Shares Preferred Stock in Conn. and Pas. Rivers R. R., par value is	$2,300 00
2 State of Maine Bonds and interest	1,545 00
2 Passumpsic River Railroad Bonds and interest	1,545 00
1 United States Bond and interest	103 00

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

Montpelier, June 13, 1870.

MONEYS SENT TO PARENT SOCIETY.

Receipts as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary during the year ending June 1, 1870, *which have not passed through our Treasury.*

June, 1869.	BRIDPORT—Legacy of Mrs. P. Grosvenor.	$47 00
"	CHESTER—A friend	5 00
"	FERRISBURGH—Miss E. Bragg	2 00
"	PEACHAM—D. S. Chamberlain	30 00
"	WESTMINSTER	21 00
"	WEST RUTLAND—Sabbath school	116 50
July.	BERLIN—Rev. T. Perrin	50 00
"	WEST ADDISON—K. S. M.	2 00
Aug.	MIDDLEBURY—Bertha	10 00
"	ST. ALBANS—Mrs. M. Gorham	30 00
"	ST. JOHNSBURY—Legacy of Silas Grow	50 00
Sept.	BERLIN—E. H. Evans	10 00
"	BRATTLEBORO—A. Van Dorn	3 00
"	EAST HARDWICK—A. S.	1 00
"	SPRINGFIELD—A friend	10 00
Oct.	VERMONT—B.	2 00
Nov.	VERMONT—A friend	10 00
"	WELLS RIVER—Church and society.	36 00
Dec.	GEORGIA—Ladies' Sewing Society	5 00
Jan.	SWANTON—Church and society	1 00
Feb.	WELLS RIVER—Church and society	25 00
March.	PITTSFORD—Church and society	120 00
"	SPRINGFIELD—T. Parks	100 00
"	SWANTON—Mrs. E. & M. Stone	2 00
"	VERGENNES—Miss E. Bragg	2 00
April.	PEACHAM—A friend	30 00
"	SOUTH HERO—Church and society	23 00
"	GRAND ISLE—Church and society	7 00
"	WEST RUTLAND—Sabbath school	67 40
May.	BENSON—E. Strong	2 00
"	BRATTLEBORO—Mrs. B. H. Van Dorn	20 00
"	CASTLETON—Harvey Griswold	190 50
"	GRAFTON—Mrs. S. B. Pettengill	4 00
"	PEACHAM—A friend	30 00
"	STOWE—R. A. Savage	15 00
"	WELLS RIVER—Church and society and a friend	48 50
		$1,127 90

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Rev. Constantine Blodgett, *Pawtucket, R. I.*
Rev. S. W. Boardman, *Auburn, N. Y.*
Rev. Elijah H. Bonney.
Mrs. F. Boutelle, *Fitchburgh, Mass.*
Mrs. Rebecca Brewster.
Rev. B. Brown.
Rev. George Butterfield.
Mr. C. Button, *Litchfield, Ohio.*
Mrs. S. Button, "
Mrs. T. H. Canfield, "
Rev. T. H. Canfield, *Davenport, Iowa.*
Mrs. Mary Jane Carlton, *Massachusetts.*
Abel P. Case, *Michigan.*
Mrs. Sarah Caswell, *New Hampshire.*
Rev. E. B. Chamberlain, } *So. Wilbra-*
Mrs. Mary J. Chamberlain, } *ham, Mass.*
Dea. M. Chambers.
George B. Chandler.
Rev. J. W. Chickering, Jr., *Exeter, N. H.*
Rev. Willard Child, D. D., *Worcester, Mass.*
Mrs. Mary C. Child, *Suffield, Conn.*
Rev. T. F. Clary, *Wareham, Mass.*
Prof. N. G. Clark, *Boston, Mass.*
Mrs. E. S. Clark, " "
Mrs. H. Cochran, " "
Mrs. Grace Coe, *Connecticut.*
Charles G. Coe,
Mrs. George Coffin.
Mrs. H. B. Cook, *Bloomfield, N. J.*
John Cowles, *Maquoqueta, Iowa.*
Mrs. Lucy Dame, *Orfordville, N. H.*
Henry A. Dame, " "
Miss Martha T. Dame, " "
Miss Lucy E. Dame, " "
Mrs. Harriet F. Dame, " "
Mrs. Mary L. Davis, *Charlestown, Mass.*
Thomas Douglass, *New York.*
Mrs. Laura C. Douglass, "
Moses L. Earl, *Illinois.*
Mrs. W. Eaton.
Rev. John Eastman.
Mrs. A. Evans, *Boston, Mass.*
Reuben Farnsworth, *Illinois.*
George H. Fish, *Saratoga, N. Y.*
Mrs. C. W. Fish, " "
Rev. J. T. Ford, *Charleston, S. C.*
Rev. A. B. Foster, *Bernardston, Mass.*
Rev. William C. Fowler, *Durham, Conn.*
Rev. E. W. Goodman, *Caldwell, N. Y.*
Mrs. Mary A. Goodman, " "
Henry B. Goodrich.
Rev. John Griswold.
Rev. H. M. Grout, *West Springfield, Mass.*
Rev. R. C. Hand, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*
Mrs. R. C. Hand, " "
Rev. Stephen Harris, *Connecticut.*
Dea. Horace Hatch, *Tarrytown, N. Y.*
Rev. Henry A. Hazen, *Lyme, N. H.*
Mrs. E. C. Hazen, " "
Rev. S. L. Herrick, *Grinnell, Iowa.*
Rev. E. E. Higbee.
Rev. Milo J. Hickok, *Scranton, Pa.*
Rev. E. W. Hooker, D. D., *Newburyport, Ms.*
Rev. W. E. Howes.
Mrs. J. W. Howes, *Montreal, C. E.*
Mrs. Jemima Hoyt, *Springfield, Mass.*
Rev. J. W. Hough, *Saginaw, Mich.*
Mrs. Sarah H. Hough, " "
Rev. Azariah Hyde.
Mrs. A. Hyde.
Rev. J. T. Hyde, *Connecticut.*
Mrs. J. T. Hyde, "
B. F. Hubbard, *Stanstead, C. E.*
J. Hubbard, *Sandwich, N. H.*
Rev. Nathan Hurd.
Rev. David A. Jones.
†Rev. T. H. Johnson.
Rev. William R. Joyslin, *Andover, Mass.*
Rev. R. S. Kendall, *Lenox, Mass.*
Mrs. Lucretia H. Kendall.
Rev. B. Labaree, *Andover, Mass.*
Mrs. S. F. Labaree, " "
Mrs. Julia Lamb, *Springvale, Wis.*
Rev. Cephas A. Leach, *Payson, Ill.*
Miss Frances Leach.
Shepherd Leach, *Rockford, Ill.*
Mrs. Phebe Leach, "
Mrs. Isabella Lounsberry, *Hartford, Conn.*
Mrs. A. Lovell.
Rev. Enoch Mead, *Davenport, Iowa.*
Rev. Eldridge Mix, *Orange, N. J.*
Rev. J. Morse, *Stewartstown, N. H.*
Rev. Joseph Marsh.
Chester Marsh, *Watertown.*
Miss S. C. Moulton.
¶Rev. M. A. Munson, *Massachusetts.*
Mrs. Rev. P. J. H. Myers.
†Dea. Moses Noyes.
†Miss Sally Noyes.
Rev. C. C. Parker, *Gorham, Me.*
Rev. R. Parkinson, *Massachusetts.*
Rev. S. Parmelee, D. D., *New York.*
Charles Partridge.
Mrs. Charlotte Perkins, *Oroomiah, Persia.*
R. L. Perkins, Esq., *Boston, Mass.*
Mrs. Mary C. Perkins, " "
Mrs. Julia A. Perry, *New Hampshire.*
S. N. Perry, *Walpole, N. H.*
Rev. E. W. Plumb, D. D., *Potsdam, N. Y.*
William Putnam, Esq., *Massachusetts.*
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Charles C. Rolfe.
Mrs. A. Rood, *Niles, Mich.*
George W. Root, *Connecticut.*
Burton G. Sandborn.
Rev. George E. Sanborne.
Mrs. Anne E. Sanborne.
Rev. J. D. Sands, *Keosaque, Iowa.*
Rev. H. H. Saunderson, *Charlestown, N. H.*
Mrs. Eliza C. Saunderson, " "
Asa Sanderson.
Rev. Charles Scott, *Massachusetts.*
Rev. N. Seaver, D. D., *Brooklin, N. Y.*
Mrs. Maria C. Scales, *Plainfield, N. H.*
Rev. John Scott.
Rev. Calvin Selden, *Jersey City, N. J.*
Rev. Thomas Shepard.
Dea. Charles Smith.
Rev. Robert Southgate, *Ipswich, Mass.*
Miss Mary S. Southmayd, *C. W.*
Mrs. Eliza Starr.
Marshall B. Stebbins, *Charlestown, Mass.*
Henry A. Stebbins, " "

Mrs. Eliza Stebbins, *Charlestown, Mass.*
Mrs. Prof. Stoddard.
Levi P. Stone, *Pittsbury, Pa.*
Mrs. S. M. Stone, *New Hampshire.*
Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., *Braintree, Mass.*
Mrs. C. S. Swift, *Massachusetts.*
Rev. Chauncey Taylor, *Algoma, Wis.*
Rev. Eli W. Taylor.
†Rev. Lathrop Taylor, *Farmington, Ill.*
Rev. Preston Taylor.
Rev. L. L. Tilden, *Troy, N. Y.*
Rev. John Thompson.
Rev. C. B. Tracy, *New Hampshire.*
Rev. Geo. P. Tyler, D. D., *Maine.*
Mrs. Sophronia Turner, *Franklin, Ohio.*
Prof. A. C. Twining.
Mrs. Prof. Twining.
Mrs. Pliny H. White, *Amherst, Mass.*
Miss Margaret E. White, " "
William H. White, " "
Rev. F. L. Whiting.
Mrs. Mary Whiting.
Mrs. J. E. Wright, *Boston, Mass.*
Rev. Solomon Williams.
Rev. I. R. Worcester, *Auburndale, Mass.*
Mrs. M. S. Worcester, " "
Enoch Ward, *Plymouth, N. H.*
Mrs. Harriet S. Ward, "

†Life Members of the American Home Missionary Society.
¶Life Directors of the American Home Missionary Society.
The names of all Life Members who are known to have died have been omitted.

ORANGE COUNTY—*Continued.*	From Ordinary department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Female Cent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
WEST FAIRLEE—Sept. 21, Cent Society	$	$	$1 56	$
WEST FAIRLEE VILLAGE—Sept. 8				200 00
WILLIAMSTOWN—Church and society, June 29	15 84			
ORLEANS COUNTY.				
ALBANY—Church and society, June 8	11 00			
BARTON—June 23, Cent Society, $21 50; June 8, $21 87; to constitute Mrs. A. C. Robinson and Mrs. Catharine F. Barnard Life Members			43 37	
BROWNINGTON—Church and society, Feb. 11	11 17			
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and society, April 13, $43 83, to constitute Rev. A. C. Childs a Life Member; May 9, Cent Society, $6 15	43 85		6 15	
COVENTRY—Church and society, April 14, $55 00; to constitute Samuel H. Pearson and Rev. John C. Houghton Life Members	55 00			
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, April 21, $28 54; Cent Society, $8 86	28 54		8 86	
GLOVER—Church and society, Sept. 20	2 35			
GREENSBORO—Church and society, June 7	21 29			
HOLLAND—Church and society, June 9	10 00			
MORGAN—Church and society, June 1	10 50			
NEWPORT—Church and society, June 15	30 00			
TROY—Church and society, June 1	5 00			
WESTFIELD—Church and society, Feb. 6	12 73			
RUTLAND COUNTY.				
BENSON—Church and society, April 21, 1869, $33 29; May 12, 1870, $11 00	44 29			
BRANDON—Church and society, Feb. 16, $15 00; Cent Society, June 15, $10 00	15 00		10 00	
CASTLETON—Church and society, Dec. 11, $54 12; to constitute John M. Ainsworth a Life Member of the A. H. M. S., by his mother, $30 00	84 12			
CLARENDON—Church and society, Nov. 11, $48 33, of which, from Dea. F. Button, $20 00 to constitute Eugene Smith a Life Member; March 24, Cent Society, $23 00	48 33		23 00	
DANBY—Church and society, Sept. 28, $40 00; May 4, $20 00 to constitute Dea. Gideon S. Tabor a Life Member	20 00			40 00
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, June 10, $8 25; June 15, $10 00	18 25			
PITTSFORD—Church and society, Nov. 7, $15 00; June 7, C. W., $5 00	20 00			
RUTLAND—Church and society, July 9, $43 67; Oct. 4, $38 25; Dec. 14, $33 16; March 8, $42 60; June 17, $55 03	211 71			
SUDBURY—Church and society, June 14	28 00			
WALLINGFORD—Church and society, Nov., $75 47, of which from A. W., to constitute Aurora K. Batcheller a Life Member of A. H. M. S., $30 00; Nov. 15, balance, $5 00; Cent Society, $24 88	80 47		24 88	
WEST HAVEN—Church and society, June 1	7 23			
WHITEHALL EAST—Church and society, June 1	4 30			
WASHINGTON COUNTY.				
BARRE—Church and society, Aug. 11	42 40			
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, June 6	84 00			
CABOT—Church and society, June 8	15 00			
CALAIS EAST—May 2				16 80
MARSHFIELD—Church and society, May 1				24 00
MONTPELIER—Sept. 3, Mrs. Mary P. Hubbard, to constitute herself a Life Member, $30 00; Dec. 23, Sabbath School, $27 68; June 14 church and society, $142 50; July 14, Cent Society, $0 50	190 18		50	
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, Oct. 20, $14 07; Feb. 17, $13 86; June 12, $12 00 to constitute S. D. Dodge a Life Member of A. H. M. S.	39 93			
PLAINFIELD—Church and society, June 17	21 00			
ROXBURY—Church and society, March 7	28 00			
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, Sept. 17	10 00			
WATERBURY—Church and society, July 24, $29 00; Sept. 18, $13 50	42 50			
WORCESTER—Church and society, Sept. 12				58 25

ART. VI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the society, and addresses delivered, at such time and place as the society, by their regulations, shall establish.

The object of this society cannot be changed, but this Constitution may be amended (on a proposal of the Directors) at any annual meeting, by two-thirds of the members present.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF REQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of———dollars in trust, to pay over the same, in————after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said society.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MISSIONARIES.

The Directors of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, having been embarrassed and retarded in their business, in consequence of the negligence of some of the missionaries to make their reports until a few days before the annual meeting, think it expedient to pass the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is required of all missionaries, appointed by this Board, to make quarterly returns; and that *in all cases*, they return their annual reports to the Secretary by the first day of June. All who violate this rule are to expect the quarterly payment will be suspeendd three months.

BRANDON, June 24th, 1848.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the standard rate per cent. upon their grand lists, which churches shall be required to pay towards supporting their own ministers, in order to be entitled to receive aid from the society, be one hundred and twenty-five, instead of one hundred per cent., as heretofore; leaving the Executive Committee, however, with discretionary power to vary from this where peculiar circumstances shall seem to them to demand it.

2. In view of the incompetency of the salaries of the ministers of many of the aided churches:

Resolved, That the Board will co-operate with those aided churches in increasing their minister's salary, who will increase their own subscription for his support to one hundred and fifty per cent.

The Board were led to these resolutions by such considerations as the following, viz:

1. Owing to the increased price of labor and produce, while the grand list remains the same, churches can pay one hundred and fifty per cent. now, more easily than they could one hundred per cent. in former years.

2. Many of the churches which are not aided, pay as high or higher than the rate named in the above resolutions, for the support of their own ministers; and, in addition to that, contribute to the funds of this society; and it would seem unreasonable and unjust to take their contributions and appropriate them to aid churches which do not pay as high, or nearly as high, towards supporting the gospel among themselves.

3. It is found that those churches which voluntarily and cheerfully pay the most liberally, according to their means, for the support of the gospel, are the most prosperous, both as respects their spiritual and external affairs. And it is believed that the rate per cent. named in the resolution is no higher than Christians ought to tax themselves for the support of religion,—that to do much less would be to withhold more than is meet, which tendeth to both spiritual and temporal poverty.

4. The impossibility of extending operations to the numerous churches and communities which are still destitute in our State without greater liberality and self-denial on the part of both the aided and unaided churches, is another strong reason, and one which it is believed will commend itself to every candid mind.

It is hoped that no feeble church will be disheartened in consequence of this action of the Board; but rather that it will be stirred up to greater effort, and after doing the best it can, let its case be known to the Executive Committee.

MONTPELIER, June 23, 1854.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Every application to the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY for aid should be made by a committee authorized to act in behalf of the church or society, or both. The application must contain answers to the following questions:

1. Name of the minister to be employed?
2. Number of members of the church?
3. Amount of the grand list of the church?
4. Amount paid by the church for preaching?
5. Amount paid by those not belonging to the church?
6. Least amount of aid that will suffice from this society?
7. What number usually attend public worship?
8. What proportion of the church take decided ground in favor of the Temperance cause?
9. How long before preaching can be sustained without charitable aid?
10. Is the church or society in debt for past ministerial labors? If so, to what amount, and to whom?
11. From what date is aid asked?
12. Is aid expected from any other source?

All applications for aid should be approved by the Association within whose bounds they arise, (or by a committee of such body) Except in special cases, grants will not go back of the date of the application. It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, should so arrange their contracts with their minister that the year may commence on the first of June, so that all applications for the RENEWAL OF A GRANT may be made at that time, as the Board can then act upon them at their annual meeting.

Appropriations are made for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of application. If further aid is needed, a new application must be made, containing all of the above mentioned particulars, and be properly endorsed and recommended.

☞ It is hoped that every feeble church will preserve a copy of these directions, and invariably comply with them in every application for aid. Address,

REV. C. S. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary*,
MONTPELIER, VT.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Vermont Education Society held its Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting at Montpelier, June 22, 1870.

In the absence of the President, Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D., called the Society to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. LEONARD TENNEY.

Rev. Messrs. RIGGS, CUSHMAN and SAFFORD were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the following year.

The Report of the Directors was then presented, and also that of the Treasurer, by the Secretary, and were accepted.

Addresses having been made by Rev. Messrs. ASA BULLARD of Boston, Mass., S. L. BLAKE of Concord, N. H., H. F. LEAVITT and E. H. BYINGTON,

It was resolved that it is expedient to employ an agent, during a part of the year, to present the claims of the society upon the pastors and churches of the State.

The Nominating Committee presented the following list of officers for the next year, and they were elected:

President—REV. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D.

Vice Presidents—J. B. ANGELL, L.L. D., Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB.

Treasurer—Hon. C. M. WILLARD, Castleton.

Directors—Windham Association, Rev. A. STEVENS; Lamoille Association, Rev. J. G. BAILEY; Northwestern Association, Rev. H. C. RIGGS; Addison Association, Rev. M. L. SEVERANCE; White River Association, Rev. WM. SEWALL; Orleans Association, Rev. A. W. WILD; Rutland Association, Rev L. FRANCIS; Windsor Association, Rev. L. H. COBB; Royalton Association, Rev. D. B. BRADFORD; Orange Association, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS; Caledonia Association, Rev. J. TORREY; Winooski Association, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD; Bennington Association, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN; Montpelier Association, Rev. J. COPELAND.

After singing, led by the choir of the Congregational Church, the Society adjourned.

A. B. DASCOMB, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. M. WILLARD, *Treasurer*,

In account with the VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

CREDIT.

1868.				
June	14,	By balance brought down		$40 82
		Church and society, Enosburgh		18 00
		" " Highgate		3 00
July	3,	" " Sheldon		16 00
	21,	" " Windsor		14 23
	23,	By draft on Treasurer American Ed. Soc		133 35
	27,	Church and society, East Berkshire		8 10
Aug.	6,	Draft on Treasurer American Ed. Soc		16 90
	26,	First Cong. church and society, Burlington		25 00
Sept.	15,	Church and society, Norwich, Dec., 1868, overlooked and not entered		25 00
	6,	Church and society, Northfield		14 22
	6,	" " Springfield		56 00
	24,	" " Peacham		34 00
Nov.	25,	" " Barnet		14 00
		" " Chelsea		7 00
		" " Woodstock		64 66
Dec.	9,	" " Greensboro		11 00
	14,	" " Barre		15 00
		" " Bellows Falls		8 00
	16,	" " Bennington Center		18 70
	21,	" " Waitsfield		10 00
		" " Pittsford		27 00
		" " Peacham		26 00
1870.				
July	1,	" " Post Mills		5 00
	4,	" " Manchester		20 10
	17,	" " Brattleboro		105 51
Feb.	3,	" " Glover		18 03
	22,	" " Middlebury		67 85
		" " Brattleboro		3 00
		2d church and society, Bennington		30 50
March	22,	Friend, Wells River		25 00
		Church and society, Clarendon		13 73
	29,	" " White River village		18 10
		" " Norwich		7 10
		" " Quechee		6 00
April	4,	" " Orwell		16 34
May	20,	" " Winooski		13 76
				$1,019 00

DEBIT.

1868.			
July	23,	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres	$225 00
Aug.	6,	Paid M. H. Buckham, Tr	25 00
Sept.	15,	Paid printing report	7 50
Oct.	25,	Paid H. D. Kitchel, President	70 00

1870.				
March	1,	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres	$175 00	
		Paid M. H. Buckham, Tr	35 00	
April	22,	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres	175 00	
May	7,	Paid M. H. Buckham, Tr	25 00	
		Postage and expressage	1 55	
		Balance on hand	279 95	
				$1,019 00

The churches in St. Johnsbury and Fair Haven sent their contributions to the treasury of the Parent Society.

Some moneys were received at the annual meeting that will be counted next year.

C. M. WILLARD,
Treasurer Vt. Education Society.

Castleton, June 13, 1870.

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is correct.

J. C. EMERY, *Auditor.*

Montpelier, June 22, 1870.

Duties of Churches to their Non-resident Members.

AN ESSAY READ BEFORE THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT, AT MONTPELIER, JUNE 28, 1870.

BY REV. O. E. FERRIN.

"What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it."—Luke xv: 4.

We are all shepherds. The ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ and all members of the churches who are gifted with intelligence, faith, piety and love for the souls of men, are charged by the great Master to keep and to feed the sheep and the lambs of Christ's flock. The great Shepherd foreknew that the members of the detached flocks, over which He makes us overseers, would be impelled by their natural inclinations, and perpetually, to stray from the protection and the supplies of the fold, into places of privation, temptation and danger. No one of us is able to hold every member of our flock within the boundaries of our parish, to be fed from our hands, or to be guarded and watched by our eye.

Probably not one church in Vermont can report for a single year its whole membership continually within the reach of pastoral and fraternal visitation. Always some, and frequently a considerable proportion of our church members, are absent and non-resident, either temporarily or permanently.

Our last Minutes report 3,127 absent members—seventeen per cent. of all. Maine reported eighteen per cent., New Hampshire reported nineteen per cent., Rhode Island reported sixteen per cent., Massachusetts reported fifteen per cent., Connecticut reported nine per cent., and the whole of our American Congregational churches twelve per cent. In Vermont this proportion of absent members has not varied much for fifteen years. Then it was about fifteen per cent. This increased a little during the years of our late war, so that it was over eighteen per cent. Since the war it has decreased so that now it is a little less than seventeen per cent. A few of these are in adjoining towns, where there is no church of our order. Another portion of them are young men or women seeking employment or a residence

elsewhere, but not yet permanently settled; and the larger proportion of them have gone out from us, and have become citizens in other communities with no intent to return for a permanent residence with us.

In seeking to understand how this statement of facts concerns us, the first thing to be noticed is:

1. We bear to these absent brethren and sisters the most sacred and endearing spiritual and covenanted relation. We are all brethren. We have one Father, one Saviour and one Comforter. There exists a most close and endearing relation between all the children of God. One baptism, one faith, one destiny, a sweet fellowship of mutual love on earth, and the hope of a long eternity of joy and blessedness in the mansions of the Father above, bring us near to each other, and enkindle the warmest affection known to human hearts. All men know something of the strength of natural affection in the hearts of members of one natural family. When we look thoughtfully at the relation we each and all bear to the Father God, and the Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and to the Holy Spirit, our teacher, leader, comforter and sanctifier, and to the promised eternity of blissful love in the mansions prepared for us in heaven, it will appear that the nearest earthly relatious we bear to one another are second and less than this heavenly and spiritual relation. Our sonship to God is primary, to our father in the flesh secondary. Our brotherhood in the spirit then is also primary, in the flesh secondary. As godliness and as revealed religion is true, this is so. In heaven above we shall find it so if not here. Then it will follow that our affection for the kindred in Christ is holier and stronger than affection for kindred by blood. This is the theory of religion. I will venture to say also that it is the *fact* in religion, and is sometimes recognized while we remain on earth. Nothing can be true in theory and false in fact, where the proper conditions involved in the theory are present. These conditions in the present life are genuine spiritual birth from God, and the faithful living together in our spiritual family and church, so that the Christian affections are called out, nourished and strengthened into maturity and purity. I think the most spiritually minded and active Christians have come to experience the truth of this;—come to love some brother in Christ with an affection more ardent, more sweet and enduring than they may love some of their nearest blood relations. They have experienced how sin and unbelief, hatred of God and scorning of Jesus and his gospel, have cooled the natural sympathy, and partially alienated those who are kindred in the flesh; while our hearts are knitted more and more unto some with whom we have prayed and labored for Jesus, worshipped and communed.

Added to this spiritual endearment is the covenant we have taken to walk together, and to be faithful to each other. There is no so sacred pledge and oath we ever take as that we took when we entered into the fellowship of saints, and which we renew every time we receive another to our fraternal membership, or sit with believing brethren at the table of our Lord. If this covenant be an empty form, it is mockery, and those are mockers who take it. If they are not mockers, they must live—they will find their joy in living—in nearest and most endearing and faithful relations with all covenanted members of Christ's body. These absent brethren are still also spiritual brethren, and no true churches, no true brethren or pastor, will lose the tenderest interest in their welfare. Till their covenant relation is transferred to some other local church, this covenanted relation also continues, and the covenanted duties remain. Nothing can free the church, its members and its officers from the responsibility of following their straying and absent members with their prayers and their inquiries, their counsels and encouragements. Christian love and covenanted obligation require us to keep up our interest in all absent members, and some Christian communication with them, till God takes them to Heaven, or they are taken into some other fraternal communion on earth.

The practice of dropping all interest in a member who removes from us, and of dropping his name from the records of the membership of the church, after absence for a year or some other definite period, is breaking our covenant vows, and doing violence to the Christian affection that ought to reign in every believer's heart.

A second thing to be considered is this:

2. The general character of these non-resident members appeals to every pastor and every intelligent member of the church, with peculiar force to urge the making of their relation to the church as vital as possible. (*a*) They may live in a neighboring town, where no church of our order exists, and their choice of our communion and desire to retain fellowship with us shows how much they love our faith and order, and how much they feel the need of sympathy, and wish to have *our* sympathy; and the fact that they are not residing among those whose fellowship they most desire, urges their brethren with emphasis to take pains to assure them that they are remembered and loved. Their need of our sympathy and manifested love and our Christian visitation is the greater, for that they are removed from our weekly Christian fellowship and ordinances.

(*b*) To a large extent these absent members are the most gifted and most enterprising members of the church;—the young men and women who go out to find room, to find work, to build a character, to raise a reputation, to make a fortune, or to make their power felt.

In most of our Vermont towns—in all save a very few growing villages—a very large majority of our youth go out to live and labor elsewhere. If a farmer has two or three or five sons, he has no place for more than one with him. Our methods of farming do not allow that he divide the homestead into so many parts, unless it be one uncommonly large. In settling the matter between them, it is simply natural that the one who has most respect for parental counsel, most faithfulness to filial duty, and most attachment to the love and order of home and church, will settle at home, and the one who has most ambition, most vigor, most boldness and enterprise—who is most sure to have influence, in shaping the affairs of church and state, will be the one to go. It is easy to see which of these most needs the restraints, or guiding and sanctifying power of Christian counsel and love. There are always two and quite opposite reasons to induce the pastor and Christian brethren to put forth all their powers to bind and hold control over these youthful members that seek their fortune away from home. The one comes from the good they can do if held for Christ, and in fellowship with the church, and the other comes from the evil they will do if we do not, with God's help, hold them. Every pastor has had young men or young women going out from his weekly ministrations, whom he loves and can trust anywhere, for the sound Christian principles he sees in them. With these it is easy for him to continue fellowship, to follow them with careful inquiries, with prayers, and with loving epistles, as Paul did Timothy. Every pastor who has labored for many years has also had some member of his church go out with quite different character. He has power, and is sure to make himself felt in the world, but there is no such confidence in him as in the other, that he will be loyal to virtue, to truth, and to Christ. The pastor and the brethren are under double obligation to watch over and to hold this youth by the most assiduous fraternal love and counsel. There is too much of him to be lost. There is too much power in him to give over to the devil. He can do too much good if we can hold his powers for Christ, or he can do too much harm if these powers are given to satan. We may not have so much *sympathy and love* for him, then all the more we should consult our *duty* to him and to the cause of Christ, and be urged by that duty to hold him for Christ.

(*c*) There is another class of migrating Christians. These are persons of humble life, who have not the boldness to urge their way into notice, or to seek the fellowship which they desire, need, and would rejoice in. It relieves them from a great burden, and brings them great comfort and encouragement, if their stronger brethren or pastor will take the trouble to follow them with letters and assurances

of remembrance and affection, and to introduce them to the notice of the Christian people among whom they fall.

Every true church of Christ sustains a vital and a responsible relation to every other church, and to the great Christian brotherhood of the churches. In a measure each church is responsible to other churches for the character of its own members, and especially for the Christian character and influence of each of its own members that goes out to live and act among men. Each church has its mission to illustrate the truth of God, and contribute to the great work of winning the world to Christ. Every member who goes out from any church represents the faith and piety of that church among other churches and other people. His influence is, in part, the church's influence, his pastor's influence, the influence of his brethren severally. No true Christain brother, no sensitively faithful pastor, can be indifferent to the faith, the religious character or the piety and usefulness of any one who has been taught among them, and who has covenanted with them to walk with God.

The good member who goes out from us, sensitive to the sacredness of his Christian profession, has need that our prayers and our words of confidence, affection and encouragement follow him for his own comfort. Our covenanted relation gives him the right to expect this. The brother who is weak in faith and deficient in solid piety needs that we follow him with prayer and love, for his strengthening, if need be for his counsel and admonition, that his faith be not wrecked, that his influence be not given to the enemy of the Saviour.

Christian churches into whose parish limits a worthy member of our communion may go, are blessed by him and by us. Christian churches into whose domain a lifeless Christian or a reprobate member of another church may come, are cursed by his baneful influence. Our small churches, here in Vermont, welcome with gratitude and joy the incoming of a Christian man, or a Christian family, who bring with them at once the letter of Christian commendation and fellowship. Many of these churches know what it is to sorrow over the coming of one who stands aloof from them, looks coldly on with the eye of criticism, or, perchance—as not unfrequently happens—casts in his lot with unbelievers, and lives as if he were without God and without hope.

In conclusion, if the views set forth in this paper are founded in genuine Christian principles, and are entitled to consideration, there are two methods of dealing with our non-resident members that commend themselves to all pastors and churches.

1. Every church member that goes out from us should be followed by the prayers and the love of all the brethren of the church,

manifesting in every practicable way all that fraternal interest that is expressed and implied in the church covenant. Some members of the church—not always officially—should maintain friendly and Christian correspondence with them. The pastor should be as careful to maintain Christian communication with every such member or even more careful, than he is to keep a fresh knowledge of, and pastoral communication with, any of his resident members. Certainly no year should pass without pastoral or Christian correspondence with every non-resident member of the church. Let this correspondence glow with Christian affection, and be attended with such loving counsel as the circumstances may call for. Let it always be one of the aims of brethren and pastor to encourage the absent one to transfer his church relation, if practicable, to some sister church, and never drop the intercommunication or the labor of love till this is accomplished. Let this be for love's sake, for the absent brother's sake, and for the sake of the cause of our Lord and Saviour, and of any particular church wherein he may find Christian fellowship and a place to labor for the Master.

2. Every church member that goes out from us should be preceded, or without delay followed, by a letter from the pastor or some good member of the church, to the pastor or some influential member of the church into whose province he goes, calling their attention to the removing brother, and bespeaking for him the Christian regard of the church members, and the pastoral care of the minister. Thus the resident Christians will be the first to welcome a Christian stranger to all the privileges of the Christian society in which he may find a happy home. In this way all the interests of Christ will be promoted, many good members will be saved to our churches, much evil influence will be avoided, and many timid and devout hearts greatly comforted,

* If it be objected that the course proposed will require much labor on the part of the brethren, the officers of a church, or the pastor—a sufficient reply is, that our covenant obligations require it. Our Christian, fraternal love will make it a desirable and blessed work. The service will be a kind one to our brethren who go out from us. It is needful for the prosperity of the churches of our Lord. If these two lines of duty had been faithfully pursued by all our New England churches and pastors for the last fifty years, the numbers and the strength and the purity of our churches in New England, and especially at the West, would have been vastly greater than they are now. All Christian success and Christian fruits involve Christian labor, and it is believed that no labor of pastor or of brethren or sisters of a church will give better or larger results than the labor herein urged.

SCHEDULE

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES FOR FIVE YEARS.

Associations.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
ADDISON	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.
BENNINGTON	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.
CALEDONIA	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.
LAMOILLE	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.
LANCASTER	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.
MONTPELIER	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California. F. B. Y'y M.
NORTH WESTERN	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California F.B. Y'y M	Maine. Vt. B. Con.
ORANGE	New York.	Canada.	California F.B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.
ORLEANS	Canada.	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire
ROYALTON	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Indiana. Illinois.
RUTLAND	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.
WHITE RIVER	Ohio.	New Hampshire	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.
WINDHAM	New Hampshire	Indiana. Illinois.	Missouri. Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.
WINDSOR	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.
WINOOSKI	Missouri. Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.

NOTES.—1. The figures at the head of the columns indicate the year in which the appointments are to be made.

2. It is expected that delegates to Bodies whose meetings occur later than July in the year of their appointment, will attend that year; all others the year following.

3. To extend this Table indefinitely, notice that each year the State at the head o the list the previous year is placed at the foot of the list, and each State placed one line nearer the top.

SCHEDULE

OF TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES

Counties.	January & February.	March and April.	May and June.	July and August.	Sept. and Oct.	Nov. and Dec.
WINDHAM.....	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.
WINDSOR.....	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.
ORANGE.....	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.
WASHINGTON.....	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.
BENNINGTON.....	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.
RUTLAND.....	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.
ADDISON.....	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.
CHITTENDEN.....	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.
GRAND ISLE.....	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.
FRANKLIN.....	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.
LAMOILLE.....	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.	Foreign Missions.
ORLEANS.....	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.
CALEDONIA.....	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.
ESSEX.....	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Tract and Congregational Union.	Miss'y Association.	Bible.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, AND THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN WHICH EACH NAME APPEARS IN THE STATISTICS.

P., Pastor; A. P., Acting Pastor; W. C., Without Charge.

Abbott, Geo N.	L.	Newbury	15
Albee, Solon, Prof.	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Amsden, S. H.	A. P.	West Dover	13
Anderson, James	W. C.	Cleveland, Ohio	2
Arnold, Seth S.	A. P.	Ascutneyville	13
Austin, Lewis A.	W. C.	Manchester	2
Babbitt, James H.	P.	Waitsfield	6
Bacon, William N.	P.	Shoreham	1
Bailey, George H.	P.	Newport	9
Bailey, John G.	P.	Hydepark	4
Baker, John W. H.	W. C.	Waterford, Me.	9
Baldwin, Joseph B.	A. P.	Weathersfield Center	14
Baldwin, Thomas	A. P.	Plymouth	14
Barnard, Pliny F.	W. C.	Westhampton, Mass.	6
Bartlett, Lyman		Missionary, Turkey	4
Barton, Alanson S.	A. P.	Middlebury	1
Bates, S. Lysander	P.	Underhill	15
Birge, Eben C.	W. C.	Underhill	15
Bishop, Nelson	W. C.	Windsor	14
Bittinger, John Q.	A. P.	Hartland	12
Bogue, H. P. V.	P.	Vergennes	1
Bourne, James R.	P.	West Rutland	11
Bowen, William C.	A. P.	Jamaica	13
Bradford, Moses B.	A. P.	McIndoes Falls	3
Bradford, Dana B.	P.	Randolph Center	10
Brainerd, Ezra, Prof.	L.	Middlebury	1
Bradshaw, John	A. P.	Swanton	7
Brastow, Lewis O.	P.	St. Johnsbury	3
Brown, J. W.	W. C.	Westboro, Mass.	2
Buckham, James	W. C.	Burlington	15
Buckham, Matthew H., Prof.	L.	Burlington	15

Bushee, William A	P.	Brookfield	10
Butler, Franklin	W. C.	Windsor	12
Byington, Ezra H	W. C.	New Haven	12
Byington, George P	A. P.	Westford	15
Cady, Calvin B	A. P.	Alburgh	7
Caldwell, James	A. P.	Royalton	10
Carpenter, E. Irvin	W. C.	White River Junction	6
Chandler, Joseph	P.	Brattleboro West	13
Chandler, Augustus	P.	Dummerston	13
Chapman, Calvin	A. P.	Windham	13
Child, Willard, D. D	W. C.	Crown Point, N. Y.	11
Childs, Alexander C	P.	Charleston	9
Clark, Asa F	A. P.	Peru	13
Clark, Charles W	A. P.	Charlotte	15
Clark, Josiah B	A. P.	Pittsfield	10
Clark, Jacob S	P.	Morgan	9
Clark, Philetus	W. C.	Wardsboro	12
Clark, William		Missionary, Milan	13
Clement, Jonathan, D. D	A. P.	Norwich	12
Cobb, Levi H	P.	Springfield	14
Cobleigh, N. F	L.	Marshfield	6
Comings, Elam J	A. P.	Highgate	7
Connell, David	A. P.	North Troy	9
Converse, John K	W. C.	Burlington	15
Cook, Silas P	P.	Windsor	14
Copeland, Jonathan	A. P.	Waterbury	6
Cummings, Ephraim C	P.	St. Johnsbury	3
Cushman, Rufus S	P.	Manchester	2
Dascomb, Alfred B	P.	Woodstock	12
Delano, Samuel	W. C.	Strafford	8
Demeritt, John P	A. P.	Albany	9
Deming, Alonzo T	A. P.	Post Mills	8
Dickinson, Ferdinand W	A. P.	Coventry	9
Dike, Samuel W	P.	West Randolph	10
Dougherty, James, D. D	W. C.	Johnson	4
Drake, Cyrus B., D. D	P.	Royalton	10
Drew, Stephen F	P.	Cabot	3
Duboc, Henry A	L.	Ludlow	14
Duren, Charles	W. C.	Pomfret	12
Eaton, Joshua	A. P.	Granby	5
Elliott, Lester H	P.	Winooski	15
Fairbanks, Edward T	P.	St. Johnsbury Center	3
Fairbanks, Francis J	P.	Westminster East	13
Fairbanks, Henry	W. C.	St. Johnsbury	3

Ferrin, Clark E	P.	Hinesburgh	15
Fisk, Perrin B	P.	Peacham	3
Fleming, Archibald	W. C.	Constable, N. Y.	15
Ford, James T	W. C.	Charleston, S. C.	4
Foster, Amos	A. P.	Putney	13
Fox, Daniel W	W. C.	South Royalton	10
Fuller, Joseph	W. C.	Vershire	9
Francis, Lewis	P.	Castleton	11
French, Lyndon S	W. C.	Franklin	7
Gay, Joshua S	A. P.	Brookfield	11
Gleed, John	W. C.	Morrisville	4
Glines, Jeremiah	W. C.	Granby	5
Giddings, Solomon P	W. C.	Rutland	14
Goodhue, Daniel	A. P.	Westfield	9
Goodrich, John E	W. C.	Burlington	15
Granger, Calvin	A. P.	Hubbardton	11
Graves, N. Z	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Grey, Asahel R	A. P.	Coventry	9
Griffin, Edward H	P.	Burlington	15
Grout, Lewis	W. C.	West Brattleboro	13
Hale, John G	W. C.	East Poultney	14
Hall, Robert V	W. C.	Newport	9
Hall, Samuel R., LL. D.	W. C.	Brownington	9
Hall, R. T	A. P.	Pittsford	11
Hamlin, Cyrus	P.	Bellows Falls	13
Harris, Leonard W	A. P.	Lunenburgh	5
Hatch, Elias W	P.	Berkshire East	7
Hazen, Austin	A. P.	Jericho Center	15
Hazen, William S	P.	Northfield	6
Heminway, A	A. P.	West Hartford	12
Herrick, Edward E	A. P.	Chelsea	13
Herrick, Horace	A. P.	Wolcott	4
Herrick, William T	P.	Clarendon	11
Hickok, Henry P	W. C.	Burlington	15
Hicks, Frederick		Miss'ry, Panama, C. A.	2
Higley, Harvey O	W. C.	Castleton	11
Holmes, Henry M	P.	Benson	11
Hooker, Edward P	A. P.	Middlebury	1
Hosford, Isaac	W. C.	North Thetford	8
Houghton, James C	W. C.	Burlington	15
Houghton, John C	A. P.	Island Pond	4
Howard, Jabez T	P.	Charleston West	9
Hubbard, Chauncey H	A. P.	Bennington	2
Hubbard, Thomas S	A. P.	Rochester	10

Humphrey, John P.	P.	St. Johnsbury East.	3
Hungerford, Edward	L.	Burlington	15
Jennings, Isaac	P.	Bennington Center	2
Johnson, James G.	P.	Rutland	11
Kent, Cephas H.	P.	Ripton	1
Kitchel, Harvey D., D. D.	A. P.	Middlebury	1
Ladd, Alden	P.	Roxbury	6
Ladd, Daniel	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Leavitt, Harvey F.	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Lewis, Everett E.	L.	Bethel	10
Lord, William H., D. D.	P.	Montpelier	6
Lyon, Amzi B.	A. P.	Ferrisburgh	1
McKeen, Silas, D. D.	A. P.	Bradford	8
McCollom, Julius C.	P.	Cambridgeport	13
Magill, Seagrove W.	P.	Cornwall	1
Marsh, Joseph	W. C.	Thetford	8
Marsh, Samuel	W. C.	Underhill	15
Martin, Solon	A. P.	Fairlee West	8
Maynard, Joshua L.	P.	Williston	15
Maynard, Ulric	W. C.	Castleton	11
Mighill, Nathaniel	P.	Brattleboro	13
Miller, Robert D.	A. P.	West Newbury	8
Miner, Ovid	A. P.	Poultney	11
Montgomery, Giles F.		Missionary, Marash	4
Morgan, Stillman	W. C.	Bristol	1
Morris, Ozias S.	A. P.	Tunbridge	10
Munsill, Joseph R.	A. P.	Franklin	7
Munson, Myron A.	W. C.	Huntington, Mass	11
Myrick, Osborn	A. P.	Middletown	11
Nichols, Ammi	W. C.	Braintree	10
Norcross, S. Gerard	A. P.	McIndoes Falls	3
Olmsted, Franklin W.	A. P.	Townshend East.	13
Otis, Israel T.	A. P.	Brownington	9
Oxnard, Frederick	A. P.	Johnson	4
Paine, Sewell	P.	Montgomery Center	7
Palmer, William S.	P.	Wells River	8
Parmelee, Moses P.		Missionary, Turkey	15
Pease, Aaron G.	W. C.	Rutland	12
Perkins, Sidney K. B.	P.	Glover	9
Perkins, Benjamin F.	A. P.	Stowe	4
Pratt, Horace	A. P.	Plainfield	6
Pratt, Parsons S.	P.	Dorset	2
Ranney, Timothy E.	A. P.	Derby Line	9
Ranslow, Eugene J.	A. P.	Swanton	7

Ray, Benjamin F.	P.	Hartford	12
Redfield, Charles	A. P.	Arlington East	2
Rickett, John Henry	A P.	Marlboro	13
Riggs, Charles H	A. P.	Gaysville	10
Riggs, Herman C.	P.	St. Albans	7
Robinson, William A.	P.	Barton	9
Rogers, John	A. P.	Derby	9
Rustedt, Henry F.	A. P.	Sudbury	11
Safford, George B.	P.	Burlington	15
Samson, Amos J.	A. P.	St. Albans	7
Searle, Richard T.	P.	Thetford	8
Seaton, Charles M.	A. P.	Colchester	15
Severance, Milton L.	P.	Orwell	1
Sewall, William	P.	Norwich	12
Shurtleff, Daniel	A. P.	Fayetteville	13
Smith, Azro A	P.	Lowell	9
Smith, Charles S.	W. C.	Montpelier	6
Smith, Eban	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Steele, Joseph	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Stevens, Alfred	P.	Westminster	13
Stone, George	W. C.	Troy	9
Stone, John F.	A. P.	Montpelier	6
Stone, James P.	A. P.	Danby	2
Stone, Levi H.	A. P.	Pawlet	11
Stone, Edward P.	A. P.	Waterford	3
Swift, Alfred B.	A. P.	Enosburgh	7
Swift, Aurelius S.	W. C.	Pittsfield	10
Tenney, Leonard	A. P.	Barre	6
Tenney, Samuel G	W. C.	Springfield	14
Thayer, William W.	W. C.	St. Johnsbury	3
Thompson, Charles W.	P.	Danville	3
Thyng, John H.	W. C.	Brattleboro West	13
Tilden, Lucius L.	W. C.	Washington, D. C.	11
Tolman, George B.	W. C.	Sheldon	7
Torrey, Charles C.	P.	Georgia	7
Torrey, Henry A. P.	W. C.	Burlington	15
Torrey, Joseph	P.	Hardwick	3
Tuxbury, Franklin	P.	Brandon	11
Underwood, Joseph	A. P.	Burke East	3
Walker, Aldace, D. D.	P.	Wallingford	11
Walker, Charles, D. D	W. C.	Pittsford	11
Ward, Earl J.	P.	Grafton	13
Watts, Lyman S.	A. P.	Barnet	3
Webber, George N., Prof.	W. C.	Middlebury	1

Wells, Moses H.	A. P.	Lyndon	3
Weston, Henry C.	P.	North Bennington	2
Wheeler, Orville G.	P.	South Hero	15
Wheelock, Edwin	P.	Cambridge	4
White, George H.	A. P.	Sharon	12
Wickham, Joseph D., D. D.	W. C.	Manchester	2
Wild, Azel W.	P.	Greensboro	9
Wild, Daniel	P.	Fairfield	7
Wild, Edward P.	P.	Craftsbury	9
Wilder, J. C.	W. C.	Charlotte	15
Willard, Andrew J.	A. P.	Burlington	15
Williams, John K.	P.	Bradford	8
Williams, Stephen H.	P.	North Hero	7
Williams, Stephen	W. C.	Clarendon	11
Wilson, John G.	P.	Saxton's River	13
Winch, Caleb M.	W. C.	Corinth	6
Winchester, Warren W.	P.	Bridport	1
Woodward, John H.	A. P.	Milton	15
Worcester, John H., D. D.	W. C.	Burlington	15
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